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RIVERFRONT DEVELOPMENT

'A game changer' for Middletown

Proposal lays out 220-acre plan to recapture waterfront

By Don Stacom
Hartford Courant

Joining Rocky Hill, East Hartford and other communities that are trying to make better use of waterfront land, Middletown is working to revitalize 220 acres along the Connecticut River as stores, apartments, mini-parks, an entertainment district and restaurants.

The town's new 48-page Return to the Riverbend proposal outlines

an enormously ambitious vision for recapturing land that has been blighted for decades.

Currently the acreage south of Harbor Park is a sprawling patchwork of abandoned industrial buildings, cracked parking lots, scruffy fields of weeds and the out-of-service sewage treatment plant.

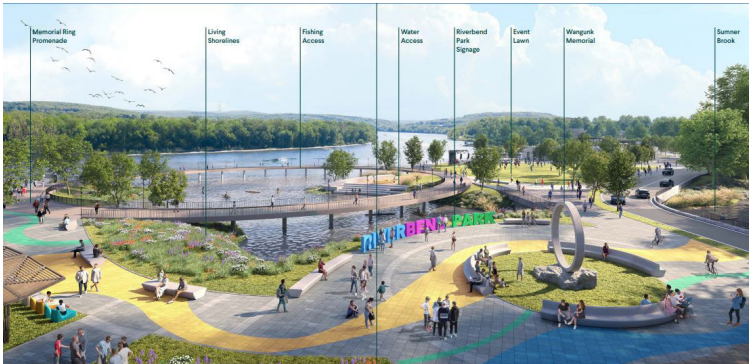
Replacing all of that with bike paths, walking trails, parks, modern apartments, waterfront restaurants, public docks and more

would be the type of transformation usually associated with large cities such as Boston and Seattle.

Middletown leaders acknowledge the Riverbend concept would require intensive private investment as well as public spending, but emphasize that it gives the community a long-term direction.

"One of the things we're trying to make sure people understand is that this isn't something we'll see

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A rendering of part of the Riverbend proposal for restoring long-ignored acreage along Middletown's riverfront. **TOWN OF MIDDLETOWN**



Kevin McGrath gave emotional remarks outside Milford Superior Court on Friday after a tense court appearance for Raul "Lito" Valle, the 16-year-old charged in the murder of James "Jimmy" McGrath. McGrath stood beside his wife, Margaret, left, daughter Rosie, right, and attorney Michael Rosnick as he thanked family and friends for their support since his son's death. **TAYLOR HARTZ/HARTFORD COURANT**

Family of slain teenager overcome with emotion

Tension fills courtroom as suspected killer makes first appearance

By Taylor Hartz
Hartford Courant

The family of James "Jimmy" McGrath was overcome with emotion in Milford Superior Court on Friday morning as they sat just feet away from Raul "Lito" Valle, the teen accused in the stabbing death of the Fairfield Prep junior at a party in May.

McGrath's younger sister let out a sorrowful whimper in the courtroom, prompting the crowd

of family and friends surrounding the McGraths to rally around her. She briefly left the courtroom with her parents. As the family walked out, McGrath's mother looked toward Valle — who was seated with his family wearing khakis, a blue suit jacket and a face mask — and said, "He did this."

After the McGrath family filed back in and took their seats in the front row of the courtroom, Valle stood quietly before Judge Peter Brown as his attorney, Kevin

Smith, asked for permission for Valle to go outside while out on bond.

McGrath's friends were visibly upset as Smith argued for the court to allow Valle to go outside to get fresh air and "help his mother" during his court-ordered house arrest. Valle is charged with first-degree murder and three counts of assault after allegedly stabbing McGrath and three of his friends at a Shelton house party on May 14, according to police.

The judge ruled that Valle, who has been released from custody on a \$2 million bond since late May, could go outside on his parents' property until 6 p.m. but could under no circumstances leave the premises.

The judge also gave Valle a stern warning about using the internet. "I do not want Mr. Valle to have any internet access whatsoever," the judge said.

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Reentry Welcome Center growing

Program that helps ex-inmates reintegrate has new, bigger home

By Ted Glanzer
Hartford Courant

HARTFORD — A year and a half ago, Hartford resident Peter Diaz was released from prison after having served 18 months on a domestic violence conviction.

Diaz turned his life around through the support of the STRIDE (skills, transitional support, respect, integrity, direction, employment) program he was referred to by the Hartford Reentry Welcome Center, which provides numerous services to formerly incarcerated people.

"When I needed somebody to talk to, STRIDE was there," Diaz said. "They showed me so much. ... They showed me how to do a resume, how to talk to people. I was hard-headed growing up, I have to be honest. I had to reconstruct myself and rebuild myself. And now I'm happy who I am. I'm happy because STRIDE showed me the way."

Diaz is now employed as an assistant manager of food services for a local business. He owns a house and a vehicle, is engaged and is going to church regularly.

"I trusted God, and I trusted the center," Diaz said. "I kept pushing and pushing, and now things couldn't be better. There's a whole lot to look forward to."

Diaz was on hand Friday to help cut the ribbon for the Reentry Welcome Center, which relocated from cramped quarters in City Hall to a much bigger space on the first floor of 716 Windsor Street in Hartford.

The Reentry Welcome Center, which is run by the nonprofit Community Partners in Action,

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Demolition grows near for Ames HQ in Rocky Hill

The developer planning apartments at the long-abandoned Ames headquarters in Rocky Hill has begun environmental remediation after buying the property for \$2.3 million. **Connecticut, Page 1**

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House votes to restore abortion rights in US

Possibility of measures passing Senate looks dim

By Farnoush Amiri
and Mary Clare Jalonick
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The House has voted to restore abortion rights nationwide in Democrats' first legislative response to the Supreme Court's landmark decision overturning Roe v. Wade.

The bill has little chance of becoming law, with the necessary support lacking in the 50-50 Senate. Yet voting marks the begin-

ning of a new era in the debate as lawmakers, governors and legislatures grapple with the impact of the court's decision.

The legislation passed 219-210. The House also passed a second bill to prohibit punishment for a woman or child who decides to travel to another state to get an abortion, 223-205.

"Just three weeks ago the Supreme Court took a wreck-

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House Speaker Nancy Pelosi, with female House Democrats, speaks ahead of a House vote on the Women's Health Protection Act on Friday at the U.S. Capitol. **ANDREW HARNIK/AP**

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tomorrow — this is a 10- to 20-year period,” said Bobbye Knoll Peterson, acting director of economic and community development.

Consultants created graphics for the Riverbend report showing parks, sculptures and waterfront promenades, and the document suggests the possibility of splash pads, pickleball courts and even future passenger rail service such as the Essex steam train.

Town officials called the ideas achievable, and Mayor Ben Florsheim — a major proponent of waterfront revitalization — has noted that Middletown has been acquiring old industrial properties in the area.

The town also has been applying for state brown-fields remediation grants, and Peterson said that will be a key part of establishing the foundation for new development.

“The environmental cleanup is one of the first things we’ll be doing,” she said.

“The Return to Riverbend project is a game changer for downtown Middletown,” Pamela Steele, downtown district chair with the Middlesex County Chamber of Commerce, said in the report. “We want people to live and work downtown, but also play downtown. This project will not only enhance the quality of life for our residents, but the surrounding towns as well.”

Middletown is not alone in trying to get more value from its waterfront.

East Hartford this spring announced a partnership with Goodwin College to restore some of its Connecticut River frontage for a marina, housing, restaurants and possibly a hotel. Similarly, Rocky Hill is working on a public-private partnership to reclaim prime riverfront land that’s now used for industrial parking and storage.



A consultant's proposal for Middletown's waterfront includes numerous new public docks. TOWN OF MIDDLETOWN



Middletown's long-term plan to redevelop acreage along the Connecticut River includes the former Peterson Oil Co. property. DOUGLAS HOOK/HARTFORD COURANT

“Historically towns all along the river let that resource be divided. Now people are realizing what an asset it is,” Peterson said.

“Middletown is uniquely situated to be a destination for something this like this. We’re right in the heart of the state, we already have people who come up to our restaurants and other amenities,” she said.

Work is already underway to remodel the former Canoe Club on the riverfront into a restaurant, coffee house and brewery, with

Aubrey and Rocco Lamonica, owners of Eli Cannon’s Tap Room and Brew Pub, as the central operators.

Another early part of the plan would be to build a pedestrian bridge from the town center across Route 9 to reach the waterfront. The highway has separated the heart of the community from the river for more than 50 years.

Florsheim’s administration and a study team have been gathering suggestions from residents about what they’d like, and the proposal



Middletown’s Return to the Riverbend proposal includes apartments, restaurants, stores, offices, public plazas and more. DOUGLAS HOOK/HARTFORD COURANT

is heavy on large public spaces.

“The plan proposes an extensive park network with major public destinations and access points every ¼ mile (approximately five minutes walking distance) along the waterfront between Harbor Park and the new boat launch at the

intersection of River Road and Silver Street,” according to the report.

“The centerpiece of the new park system is Riverbend Park, a 16-acre park anchored by the former municipal wastewater treatment plant site, proposed as a new cultural and entertainment desti-

nation, with flanking event lawn and public dock space,” it said.

The architecture and urban design firm Cooper Robertson along with Langan and Karp Strategies developed the plan, which incorporated comments from more than 1,200 residents.

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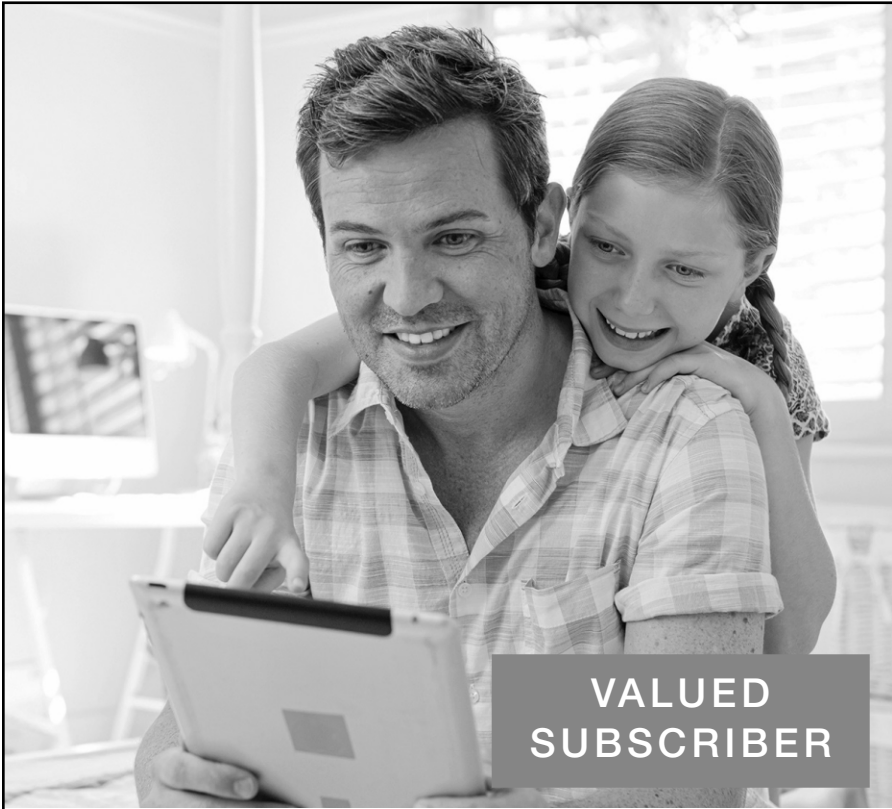
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first opened in its modest space of about a half a dozen offices at City Hall in 2018 to reintegrate those who were formerly incarcerated as part of an effort to reduce recidivism and improve public safety, among other things, according to Hartford Mayor Luke Bronin.

“It was a milestone to the city’s efforts to make second-chance society a reality,” Bronin said. “We are all better if everybody has a chance to build the life they want. Nobody is better off if they’ve got permanent obstacles in front of them.”

Prior to the opening of the Reentry Welcome Center, the Department of Corrections would drop a formerly incarcerated individual “on a corner in Hartford with no resources, no connection to resources, nowhere to go,” Bronin said.

The Reentry Welcome Center is a place for people to connect with resources and “caring, knowledgeable” team members to identify and eliminate those barriers, Bronin said.

“We’re all going to be better off if it’s easier for somebody to find a job or to get connected back to education or to live somewhere they can be a part of their family’s life,” Bronin said. “That’s the work the team at the Reentry Welcome Center has been doing for these last four years.”

More than 1,000 people have utilized the RWC’s support and services, Bronin said.

“When we opened up in 2018, we said there is a lot of power in having this Reentry Welcome Center in City Hall,” Bronin said. “We wanted to send the message that this community belongs to everybody. If you’ve made a mistake and you’ve paid that price, you’ve paid your debt to society, you’re coming back,



Mayor Luke Bronin, from right, Peter Diaz, Cassandra Johnson and Johnson’s son at the ribbon cutting of the Hartford Reentry Welcome Center on Friday. **TED GLANZER/HARTFORD COURANT PHOTOS**

this is your community and we welcome you back. This is as much your City Hall, it belongs to you as much as to anybody.”

“The flip side is we had limited space, limited capacity.”

The expanded space on Windsor Street provides a centralized, one-stop hub for formerly incarcerated individuals to receive case management services from Community Partners in Action and the availability of referrals to more than 40 partners that offer an array of services such as job training and placement, access to housing and identification and substance abuse counseling.

“This is a huge step forward,” Bronin said of the new space.

“This site offers so many opportunities for the future for people coming home to Hartford,” Beth Hines, Community Partners in



Cassandra Johnson, who received support from the Hartford Reentry Welcome Center, hugs her 12-year-old son following remarks she made about the center’s importance on Friday.

Action’s executive director, said.

Funding for the bigger space came from a variety of sources, including a federal grant and funds from the American Rescue Plan Act. U.S. Sen. Chris Murphy said the Reentry Welcome Center is a model for the state.

“I have no doubt what you

are doing is going to challenge and inspire communities around the state to do the same thing,” he said.

He added the RWC is necessary because the U.S. is a carceral state.

“We made a decision, a wrong decision, to triple the number of people under correctional supervision over the last 30 years,” he said. “We have an extraordinary rate of incarceration; we are a global outlier. And one of the consequences of that decision is that those individuals when they reenter society find these barriers and these roadblocks to re-entry, to getting back into the workforce, to finding housing, that often become permanent ...

“A criminal sentence shouldn’t be a permanent housing death sentence. A criminal sentence shouldn’t be a permanent employment death sentence. But it often is for too many people in Hartford.”

Hartford resident Cassandra Johnson, who was released in September 2021 after spending two years at a correctional facility for violating her probation, said she was a beneficiary of the programs available to her both while she was incarcerated and from the RWC when she got out.

Johnson said she had been around drugs her whole life, but made the decision to get treatment to reunite with her now-12-year-old son.

She said the Reentry Welcome Center helped her secure housing, job training and, ultimately, job placement as a full-time kitchen manager at a restaurant in Manchester.

“I am supporting myself and my son,” she said. “I have never been busier in my life before. After taking advantage of the resources available to me, I have achieved all my goals and created a second chance at life for myself.”

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The teen was also told that if he had a cellphone, he needed to turn it in. Valle’s attorney asked the judge if Valle could use a phone to be able to contact his parents when they are not home. The judge asked if the family had a landline phone.

Valle’s mother, who was seated in the courtroom, said they had one but didn’t use it.

“Hook it up. Use it. You’re not using the internet sir,” said Brown. “No texting, no emailing, whatsoever.”

After Valle’s appearance, a tense scene erupted outside the courthouse between McGrath’s friends and Valle

and his family.

Court marshals came outside to help keep the parties separated.

McGrath’s father, Kevin, stood in front of the courthouse flanked by a crowd of more than two dozen loved ones as he thanked them for their unwavering support.

“They have made an extremely difficult situation better,” he said.

He said his family has faith that justice will be served.

“We respect the court and we have our faith in the whole process,” he said. “We do understand that Raul and his accomplices are due due process. This is, I’d say, the third step in a really long journey.”

McGrath was a junior

at Fairfield College Preparatory School where he played football and lacrosse. According to a warrant for Valle’s arrest, he was at a house party with friends on Laurel Glen Drive when students from St. Joseph’s High School showed up to continue an argument that had begun at another party and raged on via group text. One of those students was 16-year-old Valle, a football player at St. Joseph’s High School in Trumbull.

As a chaotic fight unfurled on the front lawn of that party, police allege that Valle stabbed three people and then fatally stabbed McGrath once in his chest. The teen died at a nearby hospital from a stab wound that pierced his heart, police

said.

McGrath’s funeral drew hundreds of friends, teammates, classmates, neighbors and family mourning his loss to St. Theresa’s Catholic Church in Trumbull in May.

His family spoke out for the first time in early June, calling on McGrath’s loved ones to be peaceful and patient as they let Valle’s move through the criminal justice system.

On Friday, Valle’s attorney asked the court for more time to review evidence before their next pre-trial hearing. Valle, who is charged as an adult, has not entered a plea. His next court appearance is scheduled for Sept. 12 in Milford Superior Court.



James McGrath played on both the football and lacrosse teams at Fairfield Prep. **COURTESY**

Abortion

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ing ball to the fundamental rights by overturning Roe v. Wade,” said House Speaker Nancy Pelosi ahead of the votes, gathering with other Democratic women on the steps of the Capitol. “It is outrageous that 50 years later, women must again fight for our most basic rights against an extremist court.”

Republicans spoke forcefully against the two bills, praising the Supreme Court’s decision and warning that the legislation would go further than Roe ever did when it comes to legalizing abortion.

Urging her colleagues to vote no, Washington

GOP Rep. Cathy McMorris Rodgers called abortion “the greatest human rights issue of our generation.”

She said the Democratic legislation “has nothing to do with protecting the health of women. It has everything to do with forcing an extreme agenda on the American people.”

By overturning Roe, the court has allowed states to enact strict abortion limits, including many that had previously been deemed unconstitutional. The ruling is expected to lead to abortion bans in roughly half the states.

Already, a number of GOP-controlled states have moved quickly to curtail or outlaw abortion, while states controlled by Democrats have sought to cham-

pion access. Voters now rank abortion as among the most pressing issues facing the country, a shift in priorities that Democrats hope will reshape the political landscape in their favor for the midterm elections.

This is the second time the House has passed the bill, which would expand on the protections Roe had previously provided by banning what supporters say are medically unnecessary restrictions that block access to safe and accessible abortions. It would prevent abortion bans earlier than 24 weeks, which is when fetal viability, the ability of a human fetus to survive outside the uterus, is generally thought to begin. It allows exceptions for abortions after fetal viability

when a provider determines the life or health of the mother is at risk.

The Democrats’ proposal would also prevent states from requiring providers to share “medically inaccurate” information, or from requiring additional tests or waiting periods, often aimed at dissuading a patient from having an abortion.

The bill that would prohibit punishment for traveling out of state would specify that doctors can’t be punished for providing reproductive care outside their home state. Democratic Rep. Lizzie Fletcher of Texas, one of the bill’s authors, said the threats to travel “fail to reflect the fundamental rights that are granted in our Constitu-

tion.”

Democrats have highlighted the case of a 10-year-old girl who had to cross state lines into Indiana to get an abortion after being raped, calling it an example of how the court’s decision is having severe consequences.

“We don’t have to imagine why this might matter. We don’t need to conjure up hypotheticals. We already know what’s happened,” Democratic Sen. Amy Klobuchar said Thursday on the Senate floor.

“Should the next little 10-year-old’s right or 12-year-old’s right or 14-year-old’s right to get the care that she desperately needs be put in jeopardy?”

The Constitution doesn’t explicitly say travel between states is a right, though the

Supreme Court has said it is a right that “has been firmly established and repeatedly recognized.” Yet the court has never said exactly where the right to travel comes from and that could leave it open to challenge or elimination, as the right to an abortion was.

Lawmakers in Missouri earlier this year, for example, considered making it illegal to “aid or abet” abortions that violate Missouri law, even if they occur out of state. The proposal was ultimately shelved.

Democrats have teed up more bills for passage in the coming weeks. Majority Leader Steny Hoyer, D-Md., said Friday that the House will vote next week on legislation guaranteeing a right to contraception.

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US raises murder in Saudi meeting

Biden meets prince thought to be behind journalist's slaying

Associated Press

JEDDAH, Saudi Arabia — President Joe Biden said he brought up the murder of U.S.-based journalist Jamal Khashoggi in his meeting Friday with Saudi Crown Prince Mohammed bin Salman, rejecting the idea he was ignoring the kingdom's human rights abuses as he tries to reset a critical diplomatic relationship.

"I said, very straightforwardly, for an American president to be silent on an issue of human rights is inconsistent with who we are and who I am," Biden said. "I'll always stand up for our values."

U.S. intelligence believes that the crown prince likely approved the killing of Khashoggi four years ago.

Biden said Prince Mohammed claimed that he was "not personally responsible" for the death.

"I indicated I thought he was," the president said he replied.

It was the first encounter between the leaders, beginning with a fist bump outside the royal palace in Jeddah, in a relationship that could reshape security partnerships in the Middle East and the flow of oil worldwide.

The president's three hours at the royal palace in Jeddah were seen as a diplomatic win for the crown prince, who has tried to rehabilitate his image, draw investments to the kingdom for his reform plans and bolster the kingdom's security relationship with the U.S.

Biden seemed to approach



President Joe Biden and Saudi Crown Prince Mohammed bin Salman greet each other by bumping fists before their anticipated and carefully planned meeting Friday at Al-Salam palace in Jeddah, Saudi Arabia. **BANDAR ALJALAUD/SAUDI ROYAL PALACE**

it as a necessary if somewhat distasteful step to improve relations with the world's top oil exporter amid rising gas prices and concern about Iran's nuclear ambitions.

The United States played down expectations for any immediate increases in Saudi oil production, which could help alleviate high gas prices that are politically damaging to Biden back home.

But the White House said it anticipated "further steps" over coming weeks that "will help stabilize markets considerably."

The U.S. president had long refused to speak to Prince Mohammed, the

presumed heir to the throne held by his father, King Salman. But those concerns have been eclipsed by other challenges, including Iranian aggression in the Middle East and the faltering effort to use diplomacy to prevent Iran from building a nuclear weapon.

The Saudis held a subdued welcome for Biden at the airport in Jeddah, with none of the ceremony that accompanied his earlier stop this week in Israel.

At a meeting with several advisers, Biden and Prince Mohammed sat across from each other, an arrangement that burnished the perception that they are

counterparts. There had been considerable speculation about how Biden, who had vowed as a presidential candidate to treat Saudi Arabia as a "pariah" for its human rights record, would go about interacting with the prince.

Access for journalists was limited and reporters were only briefly allowed into their meeting. Biden did not answer when reporters asked if he still considered Saudi Arabia a pariah, nor did Prince Mohammed respond to a shouted question whether he would apologize to Khashoggi's family.

Biden arrived in Jeddah on the third day of a four-day

swing through the Middle East. He spent the first two days meeting Israeli officials and traveled to the Israeli-occupied West Bank on Friday to meet Palestinian Authority President Mahmoud Abbas and others before flying to Saudi Arabia.

In the West Bank, Biden offered compassion and financial aid for hope-starved Palestinians but also delivered a blunt acknowledgment that the "ground is not ripe" for new attempts to reach an elusive peace.

The stalemate has left millions of Palestinians living under Israeli military rule. Biden said they "deserve a state of their own

that's independent, sovereign, viable and contiguous. Two states for two peoples, both of whom have deep and ancient roots in this land, living side by side in peace and security."

But, Biden added during a joint appearance with Abbas, "Even if the ground is not ripe at this moment to restart negotiations, the United States and my administration will not give up on bringing the Palestinians and the Israelis, both sides, closer together."

Biden offered more than \$300 million for the Palestinians, including a proposed \$100 million for hospitals that requires congressional approval.

However, Biden did not criticize Israel for expanding settlements in occupied territory that the Palestinians want for a future state. Nor did he mention his unfulfilled pledge to reopen a U.S. consulate in east Jerusalem, which served as a de facto embassy to the Palestinians before President Donald Trump closed it three years ago.

Abbas, in his own remarks, said "the key to peace" in the region "begins with ending the Israeli occupation of our land" and he said Israel "cannot continue to act as a state above law."

Biden also will take part in a Saturday gathering of leaders from the Gulf Cooperation Council — Bahrain, Kuwait, Oman, Qatar, Saudi Arabia and the United Arab Emirates — before returning to Washington. The leaders of Egypt, Iraq and Jordan are also to attend.

Biden's national security adviser said the president would make a "major statement" on his vision for the Middle East.

Democrats look to shave economic plan

Manchin's demands press Biden to limit focus to health care

By Alan Fram
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — President Joe Biden seemed to bow Friday to Sen. Joe Manchin's demand for a slimmed-down economic package, telling Democrats to quickly push the election-year measure through Congress so families could "sleep easier" and enjoy the health care savings it proposes.

Biden's statement came hours after Manchin, the West Virginian who is one of Congress' more conservative Democrats, said that if party leaders wanted to pass a measure before next month's recess, it should be limited to provisions curbing prescription drug prices, extending subsidies for people buying health insurance and reducing the federal deficit.

"Families all over the nation will sleep easier if Congress takes this action," Biden said in a statement released by the White House. "The Senate should move forward, pass it before the August recess, and get it to my desk so I can sign it."

Biden's remarks underscored a growing sentiment among Democrats that after months of bargaining with Manchin that only made the president's top-tier domes-



Sen. Joe Manchin has said he couldn't support a bill addressing climate change and tax hikes for some. **KEVIN DIETSCH/GETTY**

tic priority ever smaller, it was time to declare victory.

That would mean postponing congressional action on easing climate change and raising taxes on higher earners and large companies, components Democrats have long wanted in the economic package. That would represent a jarring setback for those goals, which rank among the party's most deeply held aspirations and set up a risky congressional showdown over the plan until the cusp of November's elections.

Even so, reducing pharmaceutical costs, helping

consumers purchase health coverage and trimming federal red ink would let Democrats flash significant achievements before voters.

Manchin, whose vote is a necessity for Democrats to succeed in the 50-50 Senate, had also said Friday that if party leaders want to pursue a broader measure aimed at global warming and raising taxes on the wealthy and corporations, they should wait until later this summer. He argued that would allow time to see what happens to inflation and interest rates this month.

"Let's wait until that comes

out so we know we're going down the path that won't be inflammatory to add more to inflation," Manchin said on "Talkline," a West Virginia talk radio show hosted by Hoppy Kercheval.

After months of citing inflation fears among his reasons for seeking to trim Biden's overall package, Manchin raised intensified concerns this week after the government said annual inflation hit 9.1% in June, the heftiest increase in 41 years.

In his statement, Biden said action on climate and clean energy "remains more urgent than ever" but

acknowledged a willingness to accept delays in congressional action.

"If the Senate will not move to tackle the climate crisis and strengthen our domestic clean energy industry, I will take strong executive action to meet this moment," he said. He added, "I will not back down: The opportunity to create jobs and build a clean energy future is too important to relent."

Biden's comments marked the latest retreat he and congressional Democratic leaders have made since initially pushing wider-ranging goals early last year that would have cost \$3.5 trillion or more.

Those priorities would have also provided free pre-kindergarten, low-cost child care, paid family leave and more. They ultimately fell victim to Democrats' slender majorities in Congress and changes in the political and economic climate that have seen voters' concerns over the inflation and the economy intensify.

Manchin had told Senate Majority Leader Chuck Schumer on Thursday that he could not support a bill now that would include other party goals like battling climate change and raising taxes on the wealthy and large corporations, according to a Democrat briefed on those talks.

The two lawmakers have been negotiating for months

over a package that's been expected to reach around \$1 trillion over 10 years, with about half used to reduce federal deficits. Manchin blew up an earlier \$2 trillion social and economic package last December after it had passed the House, a major setback for Biden.

Manchin said he considered his talks with Schumer "still going." Yet his latest stance evoked a mixture of anger and pragmatism from fellow Democrats.

House Speaker Nancy Pelosi told reporters she was unsure what remained in her party's proposal but added, "I would be very, of course, disappointed if the whole saving the planet is out of the bill."

Rep. Pramila Jayapal, D-Wash., who leads the Congressional Progressive Caucus, said she was skeptical about Manchin's acceptance of a health care focused package. "Look, the guy has changed his mind" before, Jayapal told reporters. "So let's see. I have no confidence."

John Podesta, a former senior counselor to President Barack Obama and founder of the Center for American Progress, a left-leaning think tank, said: "It seems odd that Manchin would choose as his legacy to be the one man who single-handedly doomed humanity."

The New York Times contributed.

Lawyer for Indiana doctor defends steps in 10-year-old girl's abortion

By Tom Davies
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Associated Press

INDIANAPOLIS — The lawyer for an Indiana doctor at the center of a political firestorm after speaking out about a 10-year-old child abuse victim who traveled from Ohio for an abortion said that her client provided proper treatment and did not violate any patient privacy laws in discussing the unidentified girl's case.

Attorney Kathleen

DeLaney issued the statement on behalf of Indianapolis obstetrician-gynecologist Caitlin Bernard the same day Republican Indiana Attorney General Todd Rokita said his office was investigating Bernard's actions. He offered no specific allegations of wrongdoing.

A 27-year-old man was charged in Columbus, Ohio, on Wednesday with raping the girl, confirming the existence of a case initially met with skepticism by some

media outlets and Republican politicians. The pushback grew after President Joe Biden expressed empathy for the girl during the signing of an executive order last week aimed at protecting some abortion access in the wake of the Supreme Court's ruling overturning the constitutional protection for abortion.

Bernard's attorney said Thursday that the physician "took every appropriate and proper action in accordance with the law and both her

medical and ethical training as a physician."

"She followed all relevant policies, procedures and regulations in this case, just as she does every day to provide the best possible care for her patients," DeLaney said in a statement. "She has not violated any law, including patient privacy laws, and she has not been disciplined by her employer."

Bernard reported a June 30 medication abortion for a 10-year-old patient to the

state health department on July 2, within the three-day requirement set in state law for a girl younger than 16, according to a report obtained by The Indianapolis Star and WXIN-TV of Indianapolis under public records requests. The report indicated the girl seeking the abortion had been abused.

Ohio Attorney General Dave Yost initially questioned whether the story relayed by Bernard to the newspaper was real. After telling Fox News on Monday

that there was not "a whisper" of evidence supporting the case's existence, Yost said his "heart aches for the pain suffered by this young child" and his investigative unit stands ready to support police in the case.

On Thursday, Yost faced intense backlash for his public statements, including a claim that medical exceptions in the Ohio "fetal heartbeat" abortion ban would have allowed the girl to receive her abortion in the state.

WORLD & NATION

NEWS BRIEFING

US astronauts to swap rocket rides again with Russian counterparts

From news services

CAPE CANAVERAL, Fla. — NASA astronauts will go back to riding Russian rockets under an agreement announced Friday, and Russian cosmonauts will catch lifts to the International Space Station with SpaceX beginning this fall.

The agreement ensures that the space station will always have at least one American and Russian on board to keep both sides of the orbiting outpost running smoothly, according to NASA and Russian officials. The swap had long been in the works and was finalized despite tensions over Moscow's war in Ukraine, a sign of continuing Russia-U.S. cooperation in space.

U.S. astronaut Frank Rubio will launch to the space station from Kazakhstan with two Russians in September. That same month, Russian cosmonaut, Anna Kikina, will join two Americans and one Japanese aboard a SpaceX rocket flying from Florida. Another crew swap will occur in the spring.

No money will exchange hands under the agreement, according to NASA.

NASA astronauts routinely launched on Russian Soyuz rockets — for tens of millions of dollars apiece — until SpaceX started flying station crews from NASA's Kennedy Space Center in 2020. Russian cosmonauts rode to the space station on NASA's shuttles back in the early 2000s. Before that, during the 1990s, astronauts and cosmonauts took turns flying on each other's spacecraft to and from Russia's Mir station.

Friday's news came just hours after the chief of the Russian space agency, Dmitry Rogozin, was replaced by President Vladimir Putin, although the

move did not appear to have any connection to the crew swap. Rogozin was expected to be given a new post.

NASA said the agreement will "ensure continued safe operations" of the space station and protect those living on board. Seven people are there now: three Americans and one Italian who flew up with SpaceX and three Russians who arrived in a Soyuz.

Trump deposition delayed: Former President Donald Trump and two of his children had their questioning postponed Friday in a New York civil investigation into their business dealings, a delay that follows the death of Trump's ex-wife Ivana.

The ex-president, son Donald Jr. and daughter Ivanka had been scheduled for depositions — a term for out-of-court questioning under oath — starting Friday. But New York Attorney General Letitia James' office said it had agreed to postpone them because of Ivana Trump's death, announced Thursday.

There are no new dates yet for the depositions.

Ivana Trump died at her Manhattan home at age 73. The medical examiner's office on Friday ruled her death an accident, caused by blunt impact injuries to the torso.

Ga. election probe: The Georgia prosecutor investigating potential criminal interference in the 2020 presidential election is considering requesting that former President Donald Trump testify under oath to a grand jury, while several people already subpoenaed as part of the probe have received letters informing them that they're at risk of being indicted.

A demand for Trump to testify would almost cer-



Costumed dancers perform the Ollantay dance Friday during an annual parade in El Alto, Bolivia, marking the lead-up to the feast day of Our Lady of Mount Carmel, or la Virgen del Carmen in Spanish. The official feast day of la Virgen del Carmen, who is the patron saint of El Alto and Bolivia itself, is Sunday and coincides with the regional La Paz Day patriotic holiday. **JUAN KARITA/AP**

tainly trigger an immediate court fight, including potentially over Trump's constitutional protections against self-incrimination.

District Attorney Fani Willis has confirmed that the investigation's scope includes a Jan. 2, 2021, phone call between Trump and Georgia Secretary of State Brad Raffensperger. During that call, Trump urged Raffensperger to "find" enough votes to overturn his loss in the state.

Trump has denied wrongdoing.

Breyer's return: Harvard said Friday that former Supreme Court Justice Stephen Breyer, who retired from the Supreme Court June 30, is rejoining its law school faculty. Breyer is a graduate of the law school and first joined the Harvard faculty in 1967. He continued to teach at Harvard after he became a federal appeals court judge in 1980 until former President Bill Clinton nominated him to the

Supreme Court in 1994.

Harvard said in a statement that Breyer will "teach seminars and reading groups, continue to write books and produce scholarship, and participate in the intellectual life of the school and in the broader Harvard community."

Breyer, 83, does not yet have any classes listed in Harvard's online course catalog. However, the school said his appointment as Byrne Professor of Administrative Law and Process is effective immediately.

Xi visits Xinjiang: China's leader, Xi Jinping, made his first visit to the western region of Xinjiang since he unleashed a campaign of mass detentions of Uyghurs there. His trip amounted to a proclamation of success in his yearslong effort to quell ethnic resistance, despite international condemnation.

Xi's four-day visit, which ended Friday, focused on projecting that Xinjiang had become united and

stable under his leadership. After his last visit in 2014, Xi set in motion drastic policies — widespread arrests, surveillance, indoctrination and labor transfers — to press the region's Uyghurs and other largely Muslim ethnic groups to identify as members of one Chinese nation loyal to the Communist Party.

"Every ethnic group in Xinjiang is an inseparable member of the great family of Chinese nationhood," Xi said while visiting a heavily Uyghur neighborhood of Urumqi, the regional capital of Xinjiang, Xinhua News Agency reported.

The visit comes two weeks after Xi made a rare trip to Hong Kong, his first since the huge, and at times violent, protests in 2019.

Sri Lanka interim president: Sri Lanka's Prime Minister Ranil Wickremesinghe was sworn in Friday as interim president until Parliament elects a successor to Gotabaya Rajapaksa, who fled

abroad and resigned after mass protests over the country's economic collapse.

Lawmakers were to convene Saturday to begin choosing a new leader who would serve the remainder of Rajapaksa's term, which ends in 2024.

Parliamentary Speaker Mahinda Yapa Abeywardana promised a transparent political process that should be done within a week.

In a televised statement, Wickremesinghe said he would initiate steps to change the constitution to curb presidential powers and strengthen Parliament, restore law and order and take legal action against "insurgents."

It was unclear to whom he was referring, although he said true protesters would not have gotten involved in clashes on Wednesday night near Parliament, where many soldiers reportedly were injured.

Wickremesinghe became acting president after Rajapaksa fled Wednesday.



Fire crews in San Diego spray water on the burning USS Bonhomme Richard. Navy leaders disciplined more than 20 senior officers and sailors in the incident. **GREGORY BULL/AP 2020**

Navy disciplines officers over massive Calif. ship fire in '20

By Lolita C. Baldor

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Navy leaders have disciplined more than 20 senior officers and sailors in connection with widespread leadership and other failures that contributed to the July 2020 arson fire that destroyed the USS Bonhomme Richard.

The most significant actions were taken against members of the ship's leadership team, including letters of reprimand and pay cuts for the former commander and executive officer.

And Navy Secretary Carlos Del Toro issued a letter of censure to retired Vice Adm. Richard Brown, who was the commander of the U.S. Pacific Fleet at the time of the fire.

The ship was undergoing a two-year, \$250 million upgrade pierside in San Diego when the fire broke out. About 115 sailors were on board, and nearly 60 were treated for heat exhaustion, smoke inhalation and minor injuries.

The failure to extinguish or contain the fire led to temperatures exceeding 1,200 degrees Fahren-

heit in some areas, turning sections of the ship into molten metal that flowed into other parts of the ship.

A Navy report last year concluded that the massive five-day blaze was preventable and unacceptable, and that there were lapses in training, coordination, communications, fire preparedness, equipment maintenance and overall command and control.

While one sailor — Seaman Apprentice Ryan Mays — has been charged with setting the fire, the report found that failings by three dozen officers and sailors either led to the ship's loss or contributed to it.

The Navy on Friday laid out the disciplinary actions taken by Adm. Samuel Paparo, current commander of the Pacific Fleet. In most cases, Paparo issued letters in the sailors' personnel files that ranged in severity. In many cases a disciplinary letter can be career-ending.

According to the Navy, Paparo gave punitive letters of reprimand and pay forfeitures to Capt. Gregory Scott Thoroman, the ship's former commanding officer, and to Capt. Michael Ray, the former executive

officer. Former Command Master Chief Jose Hernandez was given a punitive letter of reprimand.

Others who received letters in their files were Rear Adm. Scott Brown, who was director of fleet maintenance, and Rear Adm. Eric Ver Hage, commander of the Navy Regional Maintenance Center.

Mays is facing a court martial, and was charged with aggravated arson and the willful hazarding of a vessel. He has denied setting the fire. Mays set the fire because he was disgruntled after dropping out of Navy SEAL training, prosecutors said. His defense lawyers said there was no physical evidence connecting him to the blaze.

The Navy report on the fire issued last year spread blame across a wide range of ranks and responsibilities, from Brown to senior commanders, lower-ranking sailors and civilian program managers. It cited 17 for failures that "directly" led to the loss of the ship, while 17 others "contributed" to the loss of the ship.

Two other sailors were faulted for not effectively helping the fire response.

WAR IN UKRAINE

Rescuers hunt for survivors of missile strikes in Vinnytsia

By Hanna Arhirova

Associated Press

VINNYTSIA, Ukraine — Rescuers with sniffer dogs combed through debris Friday looking for people missing after a Russian missile strikes a day earlier killed at least 23 people and wounded over 100 others in a central Ukrainian city.

Russian forces, meanwhile, pounded other sites in a relentless push to wrest territory from Ukraine and soften the morale of its leaders.

The missile strikes launched from a Russian submarine Thursday on the city of Vinnytsia, about 170 miles southwest of Kyiv, were the latest attacks to take civilian lives and fan international outrage since Russian President Vladimir Putin began the invasion on Feb. 24.

A 4-year-old girl was among three children killed.

"She was reaching for her daughter, and Liza was already dead," the mother's aunt, Tetiana Dmytrysyna, said Friday.

A video of Liza playing earlier in the day and a photo of her lifeless body have gone viral worldwide.

While Russia's military campaign has been focusing on Ukraine's eastern Donbas region, forces regularly also fire at other parts of the country.

Ukraine's Interior Ministry said Friday that Russian forces had conducted more than 17,000 strikes on civilian targets during the war, killing thousands of fighters and civilians and driving millions from their homes. The invasion has also rippled through the world economy by hiking prices and crimping exports of key Ukrainian and Russian products, such as grain, fuel and fertilizer.

More than 73 people — including four children — remained hospitalized and



Workers clear away debris from a building Friday in Vinnytsia, Ukraine. Missile strikes in the city Thursday left more than 20 people dead and over 100 injured. **ALEXEY FURMAN/GETTY**

18 people were missing after Thursday's strike on Vinnytsia, said Oleksandr Kutovyi of the local emergency service. Search teams were poring over two sites Friday — an office building with a medical center and a concert hall near an outdoor recreation area.

Vinnytsia Gov. Serhiy Borzov said only 10 people among the dead had been identified.

"Russia deliberately hit civilians and all those responsible for the crime must be brought to account," he said, denouncing the "barbaric behaviour by Russia that tramples on international humanitarian law."

Kyrylo Tymoshenko, a deputy head of the Ukrainian president's office, said three missiles were used.

"There is no answer to the question why yesterday, and why in Vinnytsia," Tymoshenko said Friday. "We expect every second and minute that this could happen in any corner of Ukraine."

Overall, Ukraine's presidential office said Friday that 26 civilians were killed and 190 wounded by Russian shelling over the previous 24 hours. That included three other victims

in the Donetsk region, which along with neighboring Luhansk — a region nearly totally controlled by Russian forces — makes up the broader Donbas region.

As the fighting raged, Russia noted progress in talks on a possible deal to allow Ukraine to use the Black Sea to export millions of tons of grain that could help feed a world facing shortages and higher food prices.

Alluding to talks in Istanbul this week among Russia, Turkey, Ukraine and the United Nations, Russian Defense Ministry spokesman Lt. Gen. Igor Konashenkov said a final document had been prepared and that other participants had "largely supported" Russian proposals to help ease grain shipments through Ukrainian ports.

He said work on the "Black Sea initiative" was to be completed shortly to allow shipments of food "while excluding the use of those logistical chains for the deliveries of weapons and military equipment" to Ukraine. He also said the plan seeks to "prevent any provocations."

About 22 million tons of grain have been stuck in Ukraine because of the war.

BUSINESS

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Retail sales rise 1% in June to ease fears of recession

Consumer spending picked up despite continued climb of gas, grocery prices

By Anne D’Innocenzio and Christopher Rugaber
Associated Press

NEW YORK — Consumers picked up their spending from May to June, underscoring their resilience despite painfully higher prices at the gas pump and in grocery aisles and allaying fears that the economy might be on the verge of a recession. U.S. retail sales rose 1% in June, from a revised decline of 0.1% in May, the Commerce Department said Friday. The figures aren’t adjusted for inflation and so largely reflect higher prices, particularly for gas. But they also show that consumers are still providing crucial support for the economy and spending on such discretionary items as furniture, restaurant meals and sporting goods. At the same time, last month’s spending gain is modest enough that it likely won’t encourage the Federal Reserve to raise interest rates even more aggressively. Stock prices rose after the report’s release. “People did not fold in the face of the

Ukraine shock and the subsequent surge in food and energy prices,” said Ian Shepherdson, chief economist at Pantheon Macroeconomics. “Instead, they ran down a small part of their pandemic savings in order to keep up their discretionary spending.” Consumers still have significant savings, on average, bolstered by pandemic-era government relief checks and strong hiring and pay gains. JPMorgan executives said Thursday that their customers are still breaking out their credit and debit cards at a healthy pace. Kathy Bostjancic, chief U.S. economist at Oxford Economics, said that excluding inflation, retail sales still rose about 0.3% in June, up from a contraction of 0.4% in May. She expects the economy to grow at a slim 0.5% annual rate in the April-June quarter, after shrinking in the first three months of the year. The report showed consumers’ ongoing appetite for non-essentials like gadgets and furniture. In fact, sales at furniture stores rose 1.4%, while consumer electronics stores rose 0.4%. Online sales showed

resurgence, posting a 2.2% increase. Business at restaurants was up 1%. But department stores took a hit, posting a 2.6% decline. The solid figures bode well for the back-to-school shopping season, the second largest sales period behind the winter holidays. Mastercard SpendingPulse, which tracks spending across all payment forms including cash, forecasts that back-to-school spending will be up 7.5% from July 14 through Sept. 5 compared with the year-ago period when sales rose 11%. But spending is volatile. The latest round of retail earnings reports published in May showed some slowing of spending, particularly with low-income shoppers. Nevertheless, the overall solid spending came even as shoppers were confronted with high prices in all areas. U.S. inflation surged to a new four-decade high in June because of rising prices for gas, food and rent, squeezing household budgets and pressuring the Fed to raise rates aggressively — trends that raise the risk of a recession.

EV car sales in US climb despite high prices, waits

By Jack Ewing
The New York Times

Americans are buying electric vehicles at a record pace, undeterred by rising prices and long waits for delivery, a further indication that the twilight of the internal combustion engine is on the horizon. Vehicles that run on batteries accounted for 5.6% of new car sales from April through June, still a small slice of the market but twice the share a year ago, according to Cox Automotive, an industry consulting firm. Overall, new car sales declined 20%. Companies like Tesla, Ford Motor and Volkswagen could have delivered more electric cars if they had been able to build them faster. The carmakers struggled with shortages of semiconductors, which are even more essential to electric cars than to gasoline vehicles, while prices soared for lithium and other raw materials needed for batteries. At the same time, the popularity of electric vehicles has taken the industry by surprise and exposed deficiencies that could slow the transition to battery power, which is considered essential to containing climate change. One of the lessons for Ford and other carmakers is that the switch to electric vehicles requires them to fundamentally remake their factory and supply networks. To make the transition, they have begun underwriting makers of advanced batteries, for example, and are dealing directly with mining companies to secure scarce raw materials. Ford is planning a \$5.6 billion complex in Tennessee to build electric vehicles. Electric cars remain much more costly than their gasoline counterparts and are out of reach for many buyers, even when the fuel savings are factored in. The average price for an electric vehicle in the United States is about \$66,000, compared with \$46,000 for all new cars.



A St. Mary’s Food Bank volunteer fills a vehicle with food June 29 in Phoenix. More Americans are turning to food banks. ROSS D. FRANKLIN/AP

Food bank lines grow again

Surging inflation has some in US returning to a lifeline that provided relief in pandemic

By Anita Snow and Eugene Garcia
Associated Press

PHOENIX — Long lines are back at food banks around the U.S. as working Americans overwhelmed by inflation turn to handouts to help feed their families. With gas prices and grocery costs soaring, many people are seeking charitable food for the first time, and more are arriving on foot. U.S. inflation is at a 40-year high and gas prices have been surging since April 2020, with the average cost nationwide briefly hitting \$5 a gallon in June. Rapidly rising rents and an end to federal COVID-19 relief have also taken a financial toll. The food banks, which had started to see some relief as people returned to work after pandemic shutdowns, are struggling to meet the latest need even as federal programs provide less food to distribute, grocery store donations wane and cash gifts don’t go nearly as far. Tomasina John was among hundreds lined up in cars that went around the block

one recent day outside St. Mary’s Food Bank in Phoenix. John said her family had never visited a food bank before because her husband had easily supported her and their four children with his construction work. “But it’s really impossible to get by now without some help,” said John, who traveled with a neighbor to share gas costs. “The prices are way too high.” The same scene is repeated across the nation, where food bank workers predict a rough summer keeping ahead of demand. The surge in food prices comes after state governments ended COVID-19 disaster declarations that temporarily allowed increased benefits under SNAP, the federal food stamp program covering some 40 million Americans. “It does not look like it’s going to get better overnight,” said Katie Fitzgerald, president and chief operating officer for the national food bank network Feeding America. “Demand is really making the supply challenges complex.” Charitable food distribution has remained far above amounts given away before the pandemic, even though demand tapered off in late 2021. Feeding America officials say second-quarter data won’t be ready until August,

but they are hearing anecdotally from food banks that demand is soaring. The Phoenix food bank’s main distribution center doled out food packages to 4,271 families during the third week in June, a 78% increase over the 2,396 families served during the same week last year, said St. Mary’s spokesman Jerry Brown. More than 900 families line up at the distribution center every weekday for an emergency government food box stuffed with goods such as canned beans, peanut butter and rice, said Brown. St. Mary’s adds products purchased with cash donations, as well as food provided by local supermarkets for a combined package worth about \$75. Distribution by the Alameda County Community Food Bank in Northern California has ticked up since hitting a pandemic low at the beginning of this year, increasing from 890 households served on the third Friday in January to 1,410 households on the third Friday in June, said marketing director Michael Altfest. At the Houston Food Bank, the largest in the U.S. where food distribution levels earlier in the pandemic peaked at 1 million pounds a day, an average of 610,000 pounds is now being given out daily. That’s up from about 500,000 pounds a day pre-pandemic, said spokeswoman Paula Murphy.

BUSINESS BRIEFING

Dock workers in Germany strike

BERLIN — Dock workers at Germany’s North Sea ports went on strike Friday in the latest of several walkouts that have added pressures on shipping as their union demands a hefty pay rise to counter high inflation. The strike, which is to end on Saturday morning, has largely paralyzed cargo handling at major ports including Hamburg, Bremerhaven and Wilhelmshaven. It follows a 24-hour walkout in June and a previous one-shift warning strike. However, there will be no further strikes before late August under a deal reached at the labor court in Hamburg on Thursday night, the court said. The agreement calls for the two sides to set three further dates for negotiations up to Aug. 26.

Biden moves to block rail strike

OMAHA, Neb. — President Joe Biden on Friday blocked a freight railroad strike that would disrupt shipments of all kinds of goods for at least 60 days by naming a board of arbitrators to intervene in the contract dispute. The widely expected move will keep 115,000 rail workers on the job while the arbitrators develop a set of contract recommendations for both sides to consider. Biden had to act before Monday to prevent a possible strike. A new round of negotiations is likely after those recommendations are issued. If the railroads and their 12 unions can’t agree on a contract within 60 days, Congress would likely step in to prevent a strike by imposing terms or taking other action.

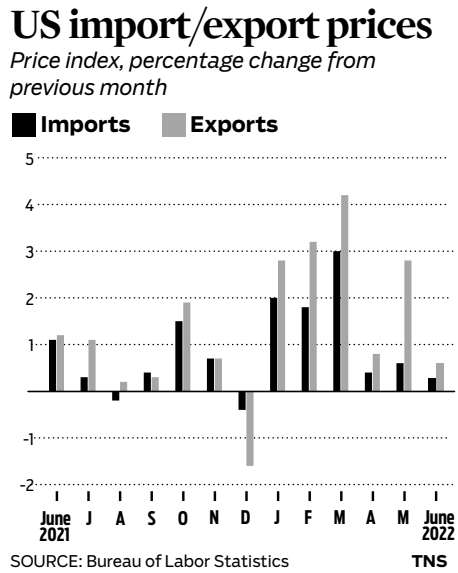
Shutdowns cause China’s economy to shrink

By Joe McDonald
Associated Press

BEIJING — China’s economy contracted in the three months ending in June compared with the previous quarter after Shanghai and other cities shut down to fight coronavirus outbreaks, but the government said a “stable recovery” is under way after businesses reopened. The world’s second-largest economy shrank by 2.6%, down from the January-March period’s already weak 1.4%, official data showed Friday. Compared with a year earlier, which can hide recent fluctuations, growth slid to 0.4% from the earlier quarter’s 4.8%. Activity was “much weaker than

expected,” Rajiv Biswas of S&P Global Market Intelligence said in a report. Anti-virus controls shut down Shanghai, site of the world’s busiest port, and other industrial centers starting in late March, fueling concerns global trade and manufacturing might be disrupted. Millions of families were confined to their homes, depressing consumer spending. Factories and offices were allowed to start reopening in May, but economists say it will be weeks or months before activity is back to normal. Economists and business groups say China’s trading partners will feel the impact of shipping disruptions over the next few months. “The resurgence of the pandemic was effectively contained,” the statistics bureau

said in a statement. “The national economy registered a stable recovery.” Data on factory output, consumer spending and other activity suggest overall growth was even weaker than the headline figure, Julian Evans-Pritchard of Capital Economics said in a report. “Even accounting for June’s strength, the data are consistent with negative y/y (year-on-year) growth last quarter,” Evans-Pritchard wrote. The slump hurts China’s trading partners by depressing demand for imported oil, food and consumer goods. Repeated shutdowns and uncertainty about business conditions have devastated entrepreneurs who generate China’s new wealth and jobs.



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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

If you're unhappy, more reason to vote

I'm saddened to read that many Democrats, especially young voters who are disappointed by Joe Biden's failure to accomplish his election promises, are feeling unmotivated to vote. They list his and the Congressional Democrats' failure to pass popular legislation to reduce climate change, ensure voting rights to all eligible Americans, pass stronger gun safety laws, undo the Trump tax cuts for the wealthy, reduce prescription drug costs, lower inflation, reduce the cost of higher education, or protect the right of any woman to have the option to terminate a pregnancy.

Believe me, I'm disappointed too. But the reality is, the blame lies with the other party. With our evenly divided Senate and the arcane filibuster rule, no bill can pass without at least 10 Republicans. Disheartened Democrats who choose not to vote are empowering these obstructionist Republicans who oppose legislation popular with a vast majority of Americans.

Scott MacDonald, Higganum

Show photos of what these weapons can do

When you tell someone about an atrocity, even using stark language, the effect seems to be less than effective. I'm sure there were many people in Germany who were informed of the death camps during the 1940s but never took action. What eventually did cause the people of Germany to pass laws targeting the root cause of their national nightmare was seeing the effects firsthand. It seems that the key to mobilizing action toward past and present American atrocities is seeing graphic, unaltered and explicit videos and pictures of the aftermath of each mass shooting. Telling someone that a 7-year-old needed to be identified by DNA does not have the same effect as seeing a video of the medical examiner taking the sample. Platitudes used to support the right for the public to own military assault weapons and high-capacity magazines is delusional on its face. Weapons of war have no business being sold to the general public. The explicit evidence of that is verified by the weekly slaughter of men, women and children on our streets, movie theaters, stores, and schools. Weapons do have a place in America, but owning a firearm explicitly designed to kill and maim is the definition of insane.

Michael Cashman, Newington

In memory of Windsor's William Phelps

According to historic records, July 14 will mark the 350th anniversary of the death of William Phelps, one of the founding fathers of Windsor. His contributions to New England have been overlooked or forgotten, but time has not overshadowed his impact on our history.

■ William Phelps, a Puritan Englishman, was the foreman of the first grand jury held in New England

■ He was chosen constable of Dorchester in 1632

■ He was a surveyor who mapped out the Roxbury/Dorchester town line

■ In Connecticut, he was among a group of men who shared the leadership of what eventually would be Windsor

■ He was one of the architects of the Connecticut Blue Laws

Lastly, he was my 10th-generation family patriarch. Rest in peace, William.

Lawrence Phelps, Windsor

Good people like Klarides hurt by GOP

People like Themis Klarides and other Connecticut Republicans seeking national office are generally good people for whom I would consider voting. The fact that if elected, however, they would empower people like Mitch McConnell, Ted Cruz, Kevin McCarthy and Jim Jordan make it impossible for me to vote for them. The leaders of the Republican party have at best remained silent on what they know was an attempt by former President Donald Trump to stage a coup. They are blocking discussion of legislation that would prevent legislators from ignoring the votes of the people, legislation that would ban the ownership of weapons of war, legislation that would stop the deterioration of our planet, legislation that would address how to respond to the desires of thousands of good people who want to immigrate to our country and legislation that would give working families a chance to prosper.

Instead, they keep telling us to trust them to respond to inflation, immigration and crime without telling us what we would be trusting them to do. It's regrettable that the national leaders of one of our political parties make it difficult to support other members of their own party.

Joseph J. Cirasuolo, Wallingford

No fan of Xfinity Theatre

I have never seen more incompetence than I experienced trying to park and enter a concert as trying to see Dead & Company. It took two hours after we exited I-91 to find a place to park. It then took us another hour to get into the venue. I would never attend an event at the Xfinity Theatre again.

Gerard Vecchio, Tolland

OP-ED

It's time to put children's unique health needs first

By Destiny Tolliver

"I don't know what to do."

My 12-year-old patient's caregiver said this with tears in her eyes as she described her child's challenging history of trauma and subsequent behavioral health problems. Due to these developmental issues, the caregiver voiced her fear that an outburst or behavioral health episode could land her now-adolescent child in the juvenile justice system, where his underlying health needs might go unmet. As a pediatrician, I share her concerns. Our current juvenile justice system too often fails to take kids' unique health needs into account, instead simply resizing punitive measures used for adults and causing children's behavioral health issues to worsen.

Pediatricians have a saying in our work: "Kids are not just small adults." As they develop, children's bodies work in ways distinct from adult bodies. From head to toe, inside and out, kids have unique treatment needs. So why, then, do we so often treat children involved with our justice system like small adults?

As lawmakers in Connecticut and across the country propose reforms to our broken juvenile justice system, I urge them to rethink the way they prioritize the well-being of these youths and their families. It is time to put children's unique health needs first, and remember that kids involved in the justice system are just that — kids.

Recent advances in developmental and cognitive sciences have underscored the disconnect between childhood misbehavior and adultlike punishment. As I recently wrote alongside my colleagues in pediatrics and social work for JAMA Pediatrics, "Young children's typical neurodevelopmental stage is such that they generally cannot form criminal intent, comprehend or meaningfully participate in court proceedings, and are unlikely to benefit from punitive juvenile justice interven-

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tions," making the use of these tools ineffective and inappropriate for children. Further, adolescence is an important time for identity development, and involvement with the juvenile justice system for young children and adolescents can lead them to form a "criminal identity," leading to higher rates of recidivism.

Punitive interventions are not the quick behavioral fix some might think they are. They are actively harming children — whose brains are still developing the ability to weigh long-term consequences — with children of color facing disproportionate impacts that far outweigh any benefits these policies might carry.

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One crucial step that some states have taken — and the American Academy of Pediatrics has endorsed — is ensuring that younger children are kept out of the juvenile justice system altogether. As of May 2022, only 26 states have laws providing a minimum age for system involvement. Of them, just seven states set the minimum age at 12 or above.

As a pediatrician, I see this as an important step — nothing in my experience of treating children or researching pediatric health leads me to believe that incarcerating young adolescents provides any worthwhile benefit to them or their

communities.

For youths of all ages, focus must be placed on preempting involvement with the system. This should come as no surprise — we know kids do better when surrounded by family and involved with their communities. Rather than arresting and incarcerating youth, we should invest in them as the Connecticut Justice Alliance calls for in its #InvestInMeCT campaign. For example, we should ensure that all schools have the resources to provide high quality education, mental health care is widely available within communities and schools, all families have access to basic needs such as housing and food, and all children have access to positive social networks. Each of these methods provides a far greater likelihood of positive health outcomes compared to a prison cell.

By keeping adolescents out of confinement and investing in alternatives that are developmentally appropriate for children, policymakers have the opportunity to recreate the juvenile justice system in a manner that is informed by evidence and centered around children's health.

As we have a national conversation about juvenile justice, I urge lawmakers to listen to pediatricians, who are dedicated to promoting evidence-based care for kids. I will also remind them one last time — kids are kids; not just small adults.

Dr. Destiny Tolliver is a general pediatrician and health services researcher who completed the National Clinician Scholars program at Yale School of Medicine.

OP-ED

We must purge our politics of Trump's extremist poison

By E.J. Dionne Jr.

The Washington Post

WASHINGTON — The Jan. 6, 2021, attack on the U.S. Capitol was not just an ugly outbreak of mayhem unleashed by an unhinged mob. It was certainly not a protest that got out of hand. It was a coordinated effort to overthrow our democratic system led by a president determined not to let the voters deprive him of power.

And it was a warning that political violence, spawned by white supremacists and right-wing extremists, threatens to become a regular part of our nation's political life.

Tuesday's chilling testimony before the House Select Committee investigating the insurrection should be a moment of truth. Most Republican politicians have, up to now, embraced a strategy of avoidance. They turn the other way and change the subject. But what they heard Tuesday should make the choice before them clear: If they care about the rule of law, they must break decisively with President Donald Trump and the dangerous forces ready to use coercion to upend majority rule.

If more Republicans had done so before Jan. 6, the bloody destruction might well have been avoided. It could also have been prevented if the Trump aides who now portray themselves as the reasonable people in his administration had spoken publicly at the time about the absurdity of Trump's claims and warned the nation about the dangers he posed.

As in earlier committee hearings, the most damning information came from onetime Trump allies. Stephen Ayres — who pled guilty last month to illegally entering the Capitol — made clear that Trump was calling the shots. He said he went to the Capitol because Trump encouraged the crowd to go, and left hours after the rampage began when Trump gave them the word to depart.

What's now obvious is that the violence was not some sideshow, but the last gasp of Trump's desperate effort to subvert the election.

First, he made up fraud claims and filed lawsuits to try to get some judges somewhere to throw out legitimate election results. The courts uniformly rebuked Trump's nonsense, and on Dec. 14, electors met at state capitols across the country and affirmed Joe Biden's electoral college victory.

That didn't stop Trump. Four days later came what White House aide Cassidy Hutchinson called the "unhinged" six-hour meeting where the president's outside conspiracists laid out bizarre



President Donald Trump speaks at a rally on Jan. 6, 2021. The Jan. 6 committee investigation of the aftermath of the 2020 presidential election and the events leading up to the Capitol insurrection provides answers about Trump's role. **JACQUELYN MARTIN/AP**

schemes to maintain Trump in office, the Constitution be damned. Among other things, they wanted the Defense Department to seize voting machines.

When his non-crazy advisers showed how the various connivances would fail, Trump turned to the mob — and the hope that Vice President Mike Pence could be pushed to block the ratification of the electors' vote. In the wake of the meeting, at 1:42 a.m. on Dec. 19, Trump sent the infamous tweet: "Big protest in D. C. on January 6th. Be there, will be wild!"

A wide array of far-right groups came together to do precisely that, and Trump was only too happy to invite the marginal and the dangerous into the center of the nation's politics. "He built them up. He expanded their numbers," Rep. Jamie B. Raskin, D-Md., one of Tuesday's lead questioners, said on MSNBC after the hearing.

Significantly, the committee provided convincing evidence that Trump planned to have his supporters march on the Capitol all along, but wanted to keep secret the fact that he would issue the call to do so at his "Stop the Steal" rally. Planners of the move feared that if law-abiding civil servants had learned of his ploy, they would have stopped it.

The nature of the president's subversion was summed up in a text from Brad Parscale, Trump's former campaign adviser, to a former Trump campaign official. "A sitting president asking for civil war," he wrote.

The committee brought home the links with the far right and the expectation of violence by revealing White House phone logs showing that Trump spoke to his former lieutenant and chief provocateur Steve Bannon at least twice on Jan. 5. Shortly after the morning call, Bannon went on the air. "All hell is going to break loose tomorrow," Bannon said in a clip played at Tuesday's hearing. "It's all converging and now we're on, as they say, the point of attack." It was the language of warfare.

Only the willfully blind will deny that the Jan. 6 Select Committee has now connected the dots. Trump's falsehoods about fraud, his groundless lawsuits, his assembling of slates of fake electors, and, finally, his last-ditch resort to force were all components of one effort to let him stay in the White House despite the voters' democratically issued eviction notice.

By relying on extremist thugs to lead the way into the Capitol, Trump has brought our nation back to some of its very worst moments. It is hard not to ponder the violence used to overthrow Reconstruction after the Civil War — a toxic part of our history.

Ridding our politics of this poison ought to be a bipartisan cause. Unfortunately, it isn't.

E.J. Dionne Jr. writes about politics for The Washington Post.

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July 16, 2022

Sealed proposals for the services described
above will be received at the office of the
Director of Finance until 11:00 a.m., **Friday,
August 5, 2022**. Thereafter, proposals will
be opened in public and the names of those
submitting proposals read aloud.
Specifications and proposal documents
may be obtained from **Ms. Cathy Cherpak,
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Enfield Street, Enfield, CT 06082**, or the
Town's website, www.enfield-ct.gov.
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John A. Wilcox
Director of Finance
EOE/AA

July 16, 2022

Connecticut

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PUBLIC HEARING LEGAL NOTICE

WESTBROOK ZONING COMMISSION

Notice is hereby given that the Westbrook
Zoning Commission will hold a public hearing
on Monday, July 25, 2022 at 7:00 p.m. in the
Multi Media Room of the Mulvey Municipal
Building, 866 Boston Post Rd, Westbrook, CT
to consider the following applications:

1. ZC2022-0009. Zoning Text Amendment
Application by Ed Cassella to amend Zoning
Regulations Section 6.D.3 Design Standards
for Accessory Apartments to allow Accessory
Apartments in excess of 1,000 square feet
by Special Permit up to a maximum of 30% of
the total floor area of the principal dwelling,
when on a parcel of (2) acres or more.
2. Continuation of Hearing ZC2022-0004.
Zoning Text Amendment Application by the
Town of Westbrook Zoning Commission to
amend the Zoning Regulations to Add
Section 6.S: Use Related Standards:
Cannabis Establishments.

Application materials will be available for
review at the Town of Westbrook Planning,
Zoning, and Development Office. All
interested persons may attend this meet-
ing or provide comments regarding these
applications. Details for how to attend this
meeting virtually will be published on the
Commission's Agenda.
7/16, 7/25/2022 7252254

Connecticut

PROPERTY AUCTION

The tax collector of the Town of Southington has levied upon the following properties in
Southington and slated them for public auction to satisfy delinquent taxes and charges under
C.G.S. § 12-157. Volume and page numbers refer to the Town's land records. Unless paid,
these properties will be auctioned in "as is" condition at 10:00 a.m. on September 7, 2022 at
the Southington Town Hall at 75 Main Street.

159 Fleetwood Road (Volume 258 Page 58) owned by John A. Adams, owing \$36,896.60.

7 Whitney Avenue (Volume 1051 Page 593) owned by Mary Ellen Attardo, owing \$13,766.37.
First Franklin, A Division of Nat. City Bank of IN; Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc.;
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151 Pond View Drive (Volume 216 Page 260) owned by Stephen Louis DeSapio or his Estate,
owing \$21,596.44. Citizens Bank, N.A. as successor to RBS Citizens, N.A.; the Connecticut
Department of Revenue Services; the United States Internal Revenue Service; and the surviving
spouse and heirs of Stephen Louis DeSapio may have interests which will be extinguished by
the sale.

44 Village Road (Volume 492 Page 353) owned by the Estate of Mary D. Frace, owing
\$23,743.19. Gail T. Frace; Spring Lake Village Condominium 1, Inc.; the Connecticut
Department of Revenue Services; the United States Internal Revenue Service; and the surviving
spouse and heirs of Mary D. Frace may have interests which will be extinguished by the sale.

39 Mark Drive Unit 20B (Volume 722 Page 111) owned by Allison S. Goff, owing \$34,796.50.
The Hospital of Central Connecticut at New Britain General and Bradley Memorial; Capital One
Bank (USA), N.A.; Citibank, N.A.; Mathew Wayne Condominium Association, Inc.; JPMorgan
Chase Bank, N.A. as successor to The Dime Savings Bank of New York, FSB; and the Connecticut
Department of Revenue Services may have interests which will be extinguished by the sale.

31 Manor Road (Volume 1332 Page 745) owned by Donald G. Graves or his Estate, owing
\$27,304.06. Thomas D. Graves; the Connecticut Department of Revenue Services; the United
States Internal Revenue Service; and the surviving spouse and heirs of Donald G. Graves may
have interests which will be extinguished by the sale.

42 Manor Road (Volume 290 Page 216) owned by Shirleyanne Jakielea a/k/a Shirley Ann
Jakielea or her Estate, owing \$21,240.44. Tony Maloney; Juanita Jakielea; Robin Frost; Unifund
Corporation; Cityscape Corporation; the Connecticut Department of Revenue Services; the
United States Internal Revenue Service; and the surviving spouse and heirs of Shirleyanne
Jakielea a/k/a Shirley Ann Jakielea may have interests which will be extinguished by the sale.

292 Meriden Avenue (Volume 548 Page 156) owned by Richard J. Lulis, owing \$42,988.02.

285 Marion Avenue (Volume 1260 Page 186) owned by Geraldine Milo, owing \$10,413.93.
Wells Fargo Bank, N.A. as successor to Wachovia Bank, N.A. may have interests which will
be extinguished by the sale.

36 Woodruff Street (Volume 683 Page 579) owned by Waldemar Sadowski, owing \$6,874.59.
Janina Demko or her Estate; Achieve Financial Credit Union; the Connecticut Department of
Revenue Services; the United States Internal Revenue Service; and the surviving spouse and
heirs of Janina Demko may have interests which will be extinguished by the sale.

64 Melcon Drive (Volume 793 Page 228) owned by Doreen S. Santaniello, owing \$24,834.04.

89 Laurel Street (Volume 1216 Page 346) owned by Frank J. Slapski, owing \$36,636.38.

234 Moore Hill Drive (Volume 322 Page 88) owned by Linda E. Smith a/k/a Linda Ellen Smith,
owing \$29,449.99.

367 South End Road (Volume 1410 Page 77) owned by South End Road Trust, owing
\$27,722.64. T & T Capital Partners, LLC; John Torneo; may have interests which will be
extinguished by the sale.

23 Charles Street (Volume 1388 Page 608) owned by Donald J. Sperry, Jr., owing \$32,920.81.

56 Evergreen Lane (Volume 597 Page 702) owned by Jeffrey A. Stanowski, owing \$27,639.49.
American Eagle Financial Credit Union formerly American Eagle Federal Credit Union; The
Hospital of Central Connecticut at New Britain General and Bradley Memorial; and Wells Fargo
Bank, N.A. may have interests which will be extinguished by the sale.

1631 Mount Vernon Road (Southington Assessor Map 129 Lot 23) owned by Edward Szpak,
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431 North Main Street (Volume 1308 Page 1044) owned by George Zakreta, owing \$14,098.04.
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25 Darling Street (Volume 1340 Page 371) owned by George Zakreta, owing \$15,368.32.

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- Plainville**
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Dolores Yorski
- Southington**
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- Suffield**
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- West Hartford**
John A. Cutler
Enid May (Penny) McBride
- Windsor**
Thomas F. Tresselt

* Denotes name listing only.
Please note: not all death notices are in alphabetical order.

OBITUARIES

Kraus, John L.



John Lewis Kraus, of New Britain, died on July 5, 2022, at the age of 97. Born in New Britain on June 20, 1925, he was the son of the late John F. and Olga (Schultz) Kraus. He was predeceased by his two sisters, Arline Basile and Myrtle Cahill. He leaves behind his devoted friend, Audrey Malkemus, her niece, Christine Silkowitz and her husband Peter, and her three nephews, David Januszewski and his wife Kim, Paul Januszewski and his husband Marujo Bastos, and Thomas Januszewski and his wife Agathe. He is also survived by his niece, Laurie Weiland and her husband Gerald, and four nephews, Jimmy Basile and his wife Virginia, Barry Basile and his wife Mary, Glenn Basile, and Michael Cahill and his wife, Sandra. After attending school in New Britain, John joined the Navy at the age of 16 during World War II. He proudly served in the United States Navy Armed Guard for four years on Liberty Ship convoys delivering supplies to Allied forces. After WWII, he returned to New Britain and served in the New Britain Fire Department for 39 years, retiring as a Lieutenant. In the late 1960s, John purchased property in Charlestown, RI, one of his favorite fishing and SCUBA diving spots. He ultimately built six cottages there, completing most of the construction himself. These cottages provided decades of happy memories for his family and many New Britain friends who would visit. Following his retirement, he spent summers in Charlestown, leading an always-active life. He loved golfing, fishing, clamming, playing setback and cribbage, fixing anything in need of repair, and enjoying a Manhattan at Happy Hour with family and friends. His dry sense of humor kept everyone laughing, without ever needing to tell a joke. He spent winters at his home in Lady Lake, Florida, where he was an avid golfer into his 90s, shooting six holes-in-one. John's family would like to express their gratitude to the staff at Arbor Rose and Jerome home for their kindness and care. At his request, there were no calling hours or funeral service. Erickson-Hansen Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements. John will always be remembered as a generous, kind, caring, and gentle man, and will be deeply missed. Please share a memory with the family in the online guestbook at www.ericksonhansen.com

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New Britain

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Magaldi, Raymond



Raymond A. Magaldi, 79, of West Patagansett Rd., died unexpectedly Wednesday, July 13, 2022 in Lenox Health Greenwich Village in NYC. Ray was born on November 23, 1942 in Hartford, the son of Anthony and Lena (Giannone) Magaldi. He spent most of his early childhood years in South Florida and graduated Curley High School in 1961 located in Miami. He joined the Army a few years later where he served for nearly four years, with the majority of his time spent in Germany. He later migrated to CT where he met Gail Schweizer for the first time. They later married on August 17, 1968 and were happily married for over 40 years when Gail passed in 2011.

Ray worked with Hartford Tool and Die for several years before starting his own company, Industrial Resources Incorporated. He was self-employed and semi-retired at the time of his passing. Ray loved life and cherished time with his friends and family. He loved to travel, sit on the beach in his beach chair overlooking the beautiful Long Island Sound and boating. He was a lover of life, a friend to all and always there to lend a hand to anyone in need. He was a son, brother, father, grandfather, husband, partner, coach, master grill chef and so much more. Ray cherished his travels with Janet and had fond memories of their time in Italy, New Zealand, South Africa and Georgia. He will be missed by all.

Ray leaves behind his son Michael and his wife Margaret Magaldi, daughter Christine and her husband Kevin Rutty, Grandchildren Jake, Julia, William and Landon, his brother Richard Magaldi, and his loving partner, of the last 11 years, Janet Aimone and her family.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be held on Tuesday, July 19, 2022 at 10:00am in St Agnes Church, 22 Haigh Ave., Niantic, CT. Interment will follow in Fairview Cemetery in West Hartford. Calling Hours will be held on Monday, July 18, 2022 from 4:30 until 7:00pm in Fulton-Theroux Funeral Home, 13 Lake Ave., Niantic, CT. Please visit www.fultontherouxniantic.com for photos, tributes and directions.

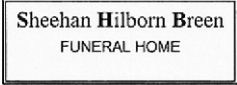
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Buckingham, Jr., Harold Canute



There will be a memorial service for Harold Canute Buckingham, Jr. at Center Church, 675 Main Street, Hartford (across from the Wadsworth Atheneum) at 11 AM on Saturday, July 23, 2022. Harold died on June 5, 2022 at the age of 91. Complimentary parking will be available in the Gold Building Parking Garage, 55 Pearl Street, 2 blocks from the church. Carpooling and early arrival are suggested. The service will be live-streamed on Facebook and the link, with directions, may be found on the Sheehan-Hilborn-Breen Funeral Home website at www.SheehanHilbornBreen.com under Harold's obituary. For those wishing to greet the family, calling hours will be held at Sheehan-Hilborn-Breen Funeral Home, 1084 New Britain Ave. West Hartford on Thursday (July 21) from 6 PM to 8 PM and Friday (July 22) from 2 PM to 4 PM.



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Bedus, Mark J.



Mark John Bedus, 67, of Suffield, passed away on Wednesday, July 13, 2022 after battling health issues for most of his life. Born on March 25, 1955 in Hartford, he was the beloved son of his late parents, Edward J. Bedus and Jean Bedus (Kilbourne). Mark was a lifelong Newington resident until his move to Suffield in 2013. He graduated from Newington High School in 1973 and worked for Crown Bolt Company for many years. Mark enjoyed watching and playing the game of golf, watching professional wrestling, fishing in the Connecticut and Mystic River, playing poker, taking trips to the Saratoga race track and Face Timing with his close family and friends. Many loved ones called him "Bart." A loving and cherished father, grandfather and brother, he leaves his son, Julian Bedus, of Portland, ME; his daughter, Markie Bedus, of Derry, NH; his son Justin Bedus and his wife, Rachel, of Zephyrhills, FL; his two grandchildren, Clayton and Juliet Bedus. He also leaves his sister, Deborah Bedus and Dave Flack, of The Villages, FL; his two brothers, Michael Bedus and his wife, Celia, of Westerly, RI; Edward Bedus, Jr. and his wife, Carol, of Burlington and many cousins. Mark's family would like to thank the staff at The Suffield House and Suffield by the River for all their kindness and care bestowed on Mark, whom was easy to love. Memorial donations may be made to the American Diabetes Assoc., P.O. Box 7023, Merrifield, VA 22116-7023. To share a memory with the family, please visit us at www.newingtonmemorial.com.



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Cydylo, Jr., DMD, Joseph A.



Joseph A. Cydylo, Jr., DMD, 68, of Bristol, beloved husband of Wanda Hubbard, died on Monday (July 11, 2022) at St. Francis Hospital, Hartford. Joe was born on August 4, 1953 in Stafford Springs, CT and was the son of Joseph A. Cydylo, Sr. and Elizabeth "Betty" (Celm) Cydylo of West Willington. Dr. Cydylo was raised in West Willington and graduated from Windham High School Class of 1971. He started his journey toward becoming a dentist at UCONN, graduating in 1975 with a degree in Biology. He then went on to UCONN Dental School and served his residency at the University of Buffalo in 1981. He settled in Bristol in 1986 where he opened his dental practice on Main St. Dr. Cydylo provided the residents of Bristol and surrounding towns with friendly and compassionate care until retiring in 2018. He was an avid UCONN Huskies and Yankees fan and enjoyed tending to his garden, cooking new recipes for friends and family to try, and bringing his grandchildren on adventurous playdates. He was active with the Bristol Brass and Wind Ensemble, playing clarinet with the group, and was a member of Immanuel Lutheran Church, Bristol, where he sang in the choir for many years. In addition to his wife and parents, Joe is survived by daughter Katrina Fowler and husband Keith, daughter Karen Cydylo and husband Jose Riofrio, sister Tina Savoir, and beloved grandchildren Devon, Elowen, Emilio, and Lucia. Funeral Services will be held on Wednesday (July 20, 2022) at 11 AM at Immanuel Lutheran Church, 154 Meadow Street, Bristol, followed by a private burial. Relatives and friends may call at Funk Funeral Home, 35 Bellevue Ave., Bristol, on Tuesday between 4 and 7 PM. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to Immanuel Lutheran Church, 154 Meadow St., Bristol, CT 06010 or to the Bristol Brass and Wind Ensemble, PO Box 1155, Bristol, CT 06011-1155. Please visit Joe's memorial web-site at www.FunkFuneralHome.com



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Pegolo, Vivien (Valery) C.



Vivien C. (Valery) Pegolo, embraced her final pink sunset at her "happy place" on the Rhode Island shore on Wednesday, July 6, 2022. While her family is heartbroken, they find comfort in knowing she is reunited with the love of her life, her husband Roger, who passed in 2014 after sharing 53 wonderful years together. Born on November 5, 1935, daughter to the late Ernest and Louise Valery, Vivien was a beautiful person filled with endless love and giving. She shared a deep devotion and love for the Lord, her family, neighbors and friends. A devout Catholic, she prayed endlessly for all, happily performed daily acts of kindness, and loved teaching her confirmation students at Our Lady of Mercy Parish. Vivien always said her purpose in life was to help others heal their physical and spiritual natures.

Wanting to be a blessing to all in any way she could, Vivien chose to study nutrition and would gladly offer counsel to others regarding their nutritional health. She was masterful in the kitchen; delighting all with her sumptuous feasts filled with delicious foods, beautiful presentation, and the special ingredient of love. A giver of gifts and of herself, Vivien (also lovingly referred to as Viv, Mom, Grammy, and Auntie Viv) loved sharing her joys with others including festive celebrations, reveling in the beautiful changing skies, listening to songbirds sing, evenings playing cards and rummikub, telling jokes, or walking along the beach. She had a keen eye for decorating, floral arranging, fashion, planting, and gardening - passions which always brought further beauty into the world. Always a lover of God's wondrous earth and its creations, she reveled in nature and it's bounty - particularly loving horses and animals having grown up on a family farm in Stafford Springs. Remembered for her tasty treats, her signature 'up-do', and her unyielding faith, generosity, hospitality, strength, independence, and love for her family, she will be missed beyond words, leaving her family and friends with endless memories that will forever be cherished.

She leaves behind her daughter Joann Kirk and granddaughter Ashley, her son Paul Pegolo, and her son Dr. Peter Pegolo along with his wife Tiffany and their daughters Sophia and Marlena. Vivien's granddaughters, who she affectionately called her "dollies" brought immense joy and love into her life. She is also survived by her sister Cynthia Valery Zimmerman, sister-in-law Elaine Pegolo, and many nieces, nephews, and extended family.

Honoring Vivien's wishes a private family mass of Christian burial was celebrated. Her family welcomes guests to a morning open house this Sunday, 7/17 from 9-12 at 332 Westmont St, West Hartford, CT. In lieu of flowers, donations in memory of Vivien can be made to EWTN (The Eternal Word Television Network). The staff at Plainville Funeral Home extends their gratitude to Vivien's family for their trust in caring for her. For online expressions of sympathy, please visit her tribute page at www.PlainvilleFuneralHome.com.



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Tresselt, Thomas F.



Thomas Frederick Tresselt died on July 12, 2022 in Hartford Hospital. He was 78. Tom was a basketball star at Evansville Indiana's Central High school and he would later explain some of the slight inaccuracies of his favorite movie, Hoosier's. He went on to play for Yale University where, in his Freshman year, he dropped

16 points on Bill Bradley's Princeton team. Tom graduated in 1965 and went on to the University of Michigan Law School, marrying Sally Fleming on August 6, 1965, a week before becoming a member of Michigan's Law Review in his 3rd year. He proudly served in the Navy from 1969 to 1971 as Beachmaster, the commanding officer of Beachcommander Unit 2. After the Navy, Tom and Sally moved to San Francisco where Tom was a litigator for Orrick, Herrington, Rowley & Sutcliffe from 1971 to 1974 and then, "tired of always arguing for a living," moved back east to Hamden, CT where he was Assistant Dean of Yale Law School from 1974 to 1977. In 1977 he and his family moved to West Hartford to join Shipman & Goodwin where he practiced Corporate Law until 2008, jokingly instructing his kids to refer to a client's product by it full name, Lego Building Blocks and assorted pieces®. He was a lawyer for more than 35 years, and was married to Sally for just shy of 56.

The amazing influence he had on peoples' lives came with all of the extras. He started S&G's March Madness pool with a friend back in the early '80s, pre-computers, offering extensive round-by-round recaps of the standings, calculated manually, with brackets drawn by hand. He MC-ed years of events at the firm, co-created its award show, The Freddie, and was later the firm's Diversity Partner.

Extremely active at Asylum Hill Congregational Church, he served as Moderator, was co-chair of the capital campaign, served on the Board of Christian Service, was a Deacon, and performed in the Boar's Head Festival as a king, log carrier, Beefeater and other roles for nearly 20 years. He even performed with Sally in multiple plays and, unsurprisingly, MC-ed The Follys. Outside of the church, he served on the board of Loaves & Fishes, The American School for the Deaf, and Leadership Greater Hartford--3rd Age Initiative. Most importantly for everyone in his life, he was wonderful to be around. He lit up the room. Funny, thoughtful, sweet, serious and kind, he was interested in everyone--his friends, his family, and their friends and family. Everyone. His laugh was infectious. He asked all of his questions out of curiosity, love, and a true desire to connect.

He fought Alzheimer's, and at the end of his life his difficulty hearing and finding the words to communicate was heartbreaking, but his humor, kindness and love for his family and friends never diminished. He is survived by his beloved wife, Sally, kids Taylor and Jamie, their families--Christine, Hale and Jackson Tresselt, Nick, Kenzi and Caia Fleischhacker-- sisters, Sally Proctor and Polly Hirschberg, Polly's husband, Bill, a wonderful extended family "on the Fleming side," as well as a truly remarkable number of friends who are just like family.

A celebration of his life will be held at Asylum Hill Congregational Church, 814 Madison Avenue, Hartford, at 10 AM on Friday, July 22, 2022 (masks required). In lieu of flowers, donations in his memory may be made to Alzheimer's Foundation of America (alzfdn.org) or Asylum Hill Congregational Church (ahcc.org).

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Covey, Joanne W (Williams)

Joanne (Williams) Covey was born to Ms. Doris Britton in Hartford, Connecticut on April 21, 1948. At birth, she was adopted by the late John and Hazel Williams and attended Hartford Public Schools. Joanne resided in East Hartford, Connecticut until she was called home to be with our Heavenly Father on July 7, 2022. Anyone who knew Joanne would agree she had a heart of gold, but was never afraid to speak her mind. In addition, she would engage in “marathon” conversations with family, friends, and complete strangers; always willing to share her point of view on the topic of the day. Joanne enjoyed life to the fullest to her very last day at Manchester Hospital and the family is extremely grateful for the exceptional care they provided her during her illness. Joanne will be deeply missed by all. Joanne was predeceased by her husband, Alexander Covey; her biological mother, Doris Britton; her adopted parents, John and Hazel Williams; two sons, Andrew and Stephen; sister, Barbara, and brother, Peter. She leaves to mourn and cherish her loving memory: son, Robert; grandson, Casey; two sisters, Patty and Theresa; two brothers, John and Robert, and a host of special friends and family members who had a special place in her heart.

We welcome you to join us on Sunday, July 17, 2022 at Brooklawn Funeral Home, 511 Brook Street, Rocky Hill, Connecticut 06067 between 12:00 pm- 2:00 pm to celebrate Joanne’s life.

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Matteo, Allyson M.



Allyson Mary Matteo, beloved and special daughter of Ralph and Mary Elizabeth (Betty) Matteo died on July 14, 2022. Allyson was born on March 18, 1972 in Middletown and was special in so many ways. She loved spending time with her family, the beach, sports, singing and dancing and her pencils. A favorite trip was to the Old Saybrook beach house. She also loved watching Wheel of Fortune and a special highlight was when she had a private meeting with Pat Sajak. A graduate of Middletown High School’s special education program, Allyson resided in a group home, around the corner from her parents, operated by New England Residential Services (NERS). She attended Helping People Excel’s Day Services Program. A delightful young woman, Allyson always quickly became the “favorite” of her home and day program workers. She was mischievous and playful while making all who knew her smile. Allyson is survived by her sister and brother-in-law Melissa and John O’Hara and her brother and sister-in-law, Michael and Cassandra Matteo. She is also survived by her nieces and nephews Erica Matteo, Jack O’Hara, Suzanne O’Hara and Michael Matteo. Her family will always be grateful to the large and loving family of NERS workers who have cared for Allyson for so many years. We love you very much Allyson and you will be greatly missed by many. Funeral services will be held Monday (July 18th) at 11 a.m. at Biega Funeral Home, 3 Silver St., Middletown. Calling hours at Biega Funeral Home will be on Monday from 9:30 to 11 a.m., prior to the service. Burial will be in St Sebastian’s Cemetery, Rockfall. Persons attending the calling hours and service are requested to wear masks. In lieu of flowers donations may be sent to New England Residential Services at 282 East Main St., Middletown, CT 06457. To share memories or express condolences online please visit www.biegafuneralhome.com.

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Oliver, John



It is with extreme sadness we announce the passing of John Oliver, age 70, who died unexpectedly at his home on June 30, 2022 in Plainville, CT. John was born on March 23, 1952 in Bristol, CT. He attended Bristol schools and went on to work at Torrington Supply for several years.

John and his friend, Geri Giggey, hitch hiked throughout the country with Geri’s dog, Pate, (Husky/German Shepard mix). The adventures they shared were incredible. They even ended up living in Texas for a while. During this time, they developed a friendship which lasted his entire life. John was an avid Red Sox and New York Jets fan. He also enjoyed going to concerts. He liked growing and caring for plants.

John was predeceased by his father Peter and mother Catherine (Witowski), his sisters Carol, June (Arpin), and Patricia (Proctor). He is survived by his sister Gloria Oliver and her husband Peter Kaplenski, his brother Gordon, his half-brother Edward Michalczyk of Georgia, his dear friend Geri Giggey of Florida, and several nieces and nephews.

John had a big heart. He was a great brother, a good uncle, a great son, and a heartfelt friend to Geri Giggey. He took care of his mother until she passed away which left him broken hearted.

There are no services for John. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Main Street Community Foundation Women and Girls Fund: <https://www.main-streetfoundation.org/donate-women-girls-fund>

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Yorski, Dolores (Iacovazzi)



Dolores (Iacovazzi) Yorski, 89 of the Milldale section of Southington passed away on Wednesday, July 13, 2022 at Bristol Hospital. She was the beloved wife of the late Stephen Yorski.

She was born in New Britain on August 11, 1932 and was the daughter of the late Donato and Catherine (Rizzi) Iacovazzi.

Dolores grew up in Plainville and as a young woman moved to and lived in Italy with her sister Angie for 2 years. Upon returning to her home in Plainville, she met and fell in love with her late husband Stephen. Dolly, as she was known, loved to paint in oils and water colors and was a well-known seamstress in town. She had a passion for cooking and baking from scratch, she especially loved to bake and decorate cakes for holidays and special occasions. Dolores retired from Bristol Hospital where she was a CNA and was a member of the Calendar House of Southington.

She is survived by her three children, Ronald Yorski and wife Karen of Plainville, Karen Pistilli and husband Rick of Milldale and Jeanne Yorski of Milldale; three grandchildren, Margaret, Sarah and Lauren Yorski; a brother, Michael Iacovazzi of Farmington; two sisters, Angie Pace of Plainville and Toni Roy of New Hartford along with several nieces and nephews.

A funeral home service will be held on Tuesday, July 19th at 10:30 a.m. at the DellaVecchia Funeral Home, 211 N. Main St., Southington. Burial will follow at the Immaculate Conception Cemetery. Calling hours will be prior to the service starting at 9:30 a.m. In lieu of flowers please donate to the Lymphatic Education & Research Network, <https://lymphaticnetwork.org/get-involved/donate> For online condolences and directions please visit, www.dellavecchiasouthington.com

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Cutler, John A (Allinson)



John passed suddenly on July 4, 2022. He is survived by his wife Kim Natovitz Cutler and his children Molly, Steven, Lindsey and Sam. John was born in Connecticut and moved to the Washington DC area after graduating from the University of Connecticut. He was a CPA and a founding partner of Beers & Cutler and later became a senior advisor with Chevy Chase Trust Company. John loved his friends and family and they loved him back in return. He was a generous and kind person through out his life and a great lover of sports. His favorite baseball team was the Boston Red Sox and whatever team his son Sam was playing on at the time. His favorite basketball team were the men and women UConn Huskies and whatever team his daughter Lindsey was playing on at the time. Earlier in life , he coached his daughter Molly’s soccer team and enjoyed traveling to see her games when she played for Emory University. When his oldest son Steven swam “doubles” in high school he was up and out of the house at the crack of dawn. He will be missed by his children as well as his sister Judy (Neal) Fresk, his niece Lauren(Mark)Herring, his nephew David (Cyndi) Fresk and their children, his sister in law Jodi Natovitz and her partner Phil Morici as well as his father in law Ben Natovitz and his partner Susan Bloom. He will also be dearly missed by his beloved dogs, Margo and Anna. There was a celebration of life held on July 7 in Chevy Chase. Donations in his name made be made to the University of Connecticut Business School.

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McBride, Enid May (Penny)



Enid May (Penny) McBride, 92, of Oakville Connecticut and more recently West Hartford, passed peacefully on July 6, 2022. Born August 4, 1929, in St. Elizabeth Jamaica to Estella Elvira and Harold Odeon Lodge, she was the fifth of eight children. Her birth home, “Cotswold”, was in the fertile mountains of St. Elizabeth where her backyard yielded everything from bananas, to citrus, mangoes, guavas, and coffee. Her father was the chauffeur for a large estate and drove one of the first automobiles in Jamaica. Her mother taught her to be a faithful Christian and a gracious lady. Penny’s family originated from the first British colonists to Jamaica in the 1700s who through generations maintained the traditions of their homeland. It was no surprise therefore that when young Penny the bank teller met the handsome William McBride from Northern Ireland, that they connected easily. Though their birth homes were oceans apart, Bill and Penny grew up using the same schoolbooks, church liturgies and singing the same hymns. They married and settled into life in Jamaica for the next 26 years. Bill worked for Kaiser Bauxite while Penny was the book-keeper for the Hopwood Estate as they raised their children Shaun and Karan. Bill integrated seamlessly into the tightknit Lodge family and many happy memories were made during Christmases and Easters around the dinner table at Cotswold. In 1979 the McBride family emigrated to Watertown Connecticut under the sponsorship of their friends Fred and Joan Jamieson. The Jamieson’s lovingly brought the McBride’s into their family, and they celebrated many wonderful holidays together. In Watertown Penny worked many years at Dr. Lane’s optometry practice as the receptionist, bookkeeper and ‘eyeglass consultant’. She was a friend to all who came to the office, listening, sharing, and laughing. She made friends throughout Watertown, in her neighborhood, the banks, grocery stores and especially in Marshall’s. Penny loved participating in the lives of Karan’s high school friends and shared many happy moments with them.

Penny was above all a devout Christian. She and Bill were faithful parishioners of Christ Church, Watertown where she sang in the choir, was a lay reader and attended Bible study. She loved her church family and they formed strong bonds. When she and Bill moved to West Hartford in 2019, they joined St. John’s Episcopal Church where they found a new spiritual home. Penny believed in love through action. She was quick to cook a meal, send a card, make a phone call, or offer a helping hand. She was exceptionally generous to all. She was a wonderful wife, mother, grandmother, sister, aunt, and friend. One of her favorite roles was as a loving wife to Bill across 59 years and two countries together. Penny was devoted to her children, grandchildren, sisters, nieces, and nephews, and “Auntie Penny” was always a favorite. She was well bred, and it showed in the way that she spoke, dressed, and treated other people. She loved music and was quick to break into a “likkle jig” at a moment’s notice, she had a great sense of humor and loved to clown with her family and would enjoy a funny outfit and a good laugh. She loved a good bargain and disliked waste. She was a talented seamstress, knitter, and gardener. She was famous for her signature coy smile accompanied by a slight tilt of the head. She believed in giving thanks always and looking for the Lord’s presence in everyday life.

Enid is survived by husband William McBride of West Hartford, son Shaun and wife Rose of Bethlehem, daughter Karan Emerick and husband Geoffrey, grandson William McBride and granddaughters Britt and Catherine Emerick, sisters Winifred Blackwood and Kathleen Lodge of Jamaica, Fay Davis and Marion Bancroft of Florida, and by her loving nephews and nieces Seymour and Michael Blackwood and Suzanne Brandt of Jamaica, Mansfield Blackwood of Barbados and John and Robert Davis and Andrea Lodge of Florida. She was predeceased by sister Phyllis Lodge and brothers Donald and John Lodge of Jamaica. A memorial service will be held at St. John’s Episcopal Church, 679 Farmington Ave. in West Hartford on Saturday, July 30th at 11:00 am led by the Rev. Margie Baker. A reception will follow in the church hall. All are welcome. Interment of ashes in the St. John’s cloister garden will be performed privately preceding the service. The service will be live-streamed at sparish.net/services or <https://m.youtube.com/channel/UCIEVXhY2PTm4jCVbdNVihtw> Arrangements by Molloy Funeral Home, West Hartford. Directions and online expressions of sympathy may be made at www.molloyfuneralhome.com















































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Demolition grows near for Ames HQ

With construction slated for spring '23, developer begins environmental remediation in Rocky Hill

By Don Stacom
Hartford Courant

With excavators and a bulldozer standing by, the developer planning apartments at the long-abandoned Ames headquarters in Rocky Hill has begun environmental remediation after buying the property for \$2.3 million. “We’re all eager for this. They’re telling us they can do demolition in four months after remediation is done, and then start construction in the spring of ’23,” Mayor Lisa Marotta said Friday.

Rocky Hill struggled for years to find a major retailer or office management company interested in reusing the 250,000-square-foot building after Ames went out of business in 2002. But the building and its 12 acres just deteriorated over the years; the massive parking lot is buckled and riddled with weeds, the office complex itself is marred by graffiti. Several years ago, anonymous YouTubers filmed inside and showed moldy walls, exposed wires, collapsing drop ceilings and decades-old work manuals scat-

tered across floors. “A lot of people in Rocky Hill have memories from here — so many people worked at Ames,” said Marotta, who spent a summer after high school as a data entry clerk in a third-floor office. “There were hundreds of people here, and they frequented the businesses and restaurants. They enjoy the stories of the past, but they’re really happy to see something new coming,” Marotta said Friday in a tour of the site. At its height, Ames had more than 55,000 employees. Its Rocky Hill headquarters housed as many as 1,000 merchandisers, accountants, logistics managers and others.

Despite a devastating 1991 bankruptcy, Ames still had 327 stores and more than 21,000 employees in 2002 when it announced it was going out of business. It was the last of the once-powerful New England discount department store chains; Caldor and Bradlees had already shut down. The headquarters it left behind had once been a source of civic pride, but became a high-profile center of blight in the following years. Hamden-based Belfonti Companies LLC this month paid \$2.3 million for the property, and plans to build 213 apartments — one of the largest new residential projects in central Connecticut.

Rocky Hill wants the new residential complex to be the springboard for a larger-scale redevelopment that will stretch to the Connecticut River. The town has a history of being car-centric, and the vision for this section is heavy on wide sidewalks and bike paths to generate more of a community center feel. The Main Street frontage will have a restaurant and commercial development, and Marotta sees it as part of a new village green and town center for Rocky Hill. The town expects to close the very end of Dividend Road so it can expand the small, triangular green there.

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THIS LUXURY STREETWEAR BRAND OUT OF BRISTOL IS ABOUT MORE THAN FASHION. IT’S A MOVEMENT.



DK Movement co-founder Kelly Houston shows off the clothing line at Avril's Boutique in Bristol. DOUGLAS HOOK PHOTOS/HARTFORD COURANT

Striving for change

By Ahjané Forbes | Hartford Courant

From motivational speaking to motivational messages displayed on their luxury streetwear, a Bristol couple is using their pandemic idea to create change within their community. DK Movement, a luxury streetwear brand made from sustainable and recycled materials, came into fruition because of two things that had become important to Derek Jones and Kelly Houston: fashion and fitness. After seeing his mother struggle with drug addiction and his father with alcoholism, growing up in foster care and eventually fighting his own battle with alcohol, Jones, a Bristol native, decided to change his life around. He quit drinking, started exercising and began dating Houston, now his fiancée, who he met online. Houston is originally from New York. After traveling back and forth to see one another, Houston moved to Connecticut five years ago.

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Overcoming hardships, Derek Jones, a Bristol native and co-owner of DK Movement, decided to change his life around.

Legacies honored for ‘Year of the Woman’

Immigrant Heritage inducts 4 into Hall of Fame

By Susan Dunne
Hartford Courant

Aida Mansoor is a chaplain who builds bridges between people of different faiths. Judith Altman is a Holocaust survivor who educates kids about how to respect and value one another. Dr. Radenka Maric is a research leader at UConn who is acting as its interim president. Marilda Gandara is an attorney who supervised Aetna’s grantmaking program. The women were inducted Thursday to the Immigrant Heritage Hall of Fame at a ceremony at the Aqua Turf Club in Southington. The hall of fame is a creation of the Farmington-based National Immigrant Heritage Center, Inc. Since 2013, the center has been

inducting into the Hall of Fame Connecticut residents who have made outstanding contributions to business, industry, the arts, the state and their own communities. The “Year of the Woman” was postponed from 2020, when the ceremony was canceled due to the pandemic. The annual induction ceremony was canceled last year too. “We were going to do this event to celebrate the 100 year anniversary of women getting the right to vote, which happened in 1920,” said Demetrios Giannaros, president of National Immigrant Heritage Center. “We finally get to induct the women this year.” Each honoree is remarkable in

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‘HISTORY IS ALL AROUND US’

A photograph at Connecticut’s Old State House exhibit brings local Jamaican immigrant to tears

By Pam McLoughlin
Hartford Courant

Petulia Blake is a savvy, educated woman who has traveled to more than 35 countries, yet she melted at the surprise sight of an old photograph of herself in the Connecticut Old State House’s exhibit, “History is all around us.” Blake’s family — herself, nine siblings and two parents — emigrated from Jamaica and settled in Hartford between 1990 and ’91. Along with other families, their story is featured through photographs and other items in the exhibit’s section on immigrants. They are the only Jamaican family highlighted. Blake was well aware of the Blake family exhibit — and proud. She visited the exhibit twice

since it was established in 2007, but on a third impromptu visit last week with Anthony Bologna, her partner of five years, she got a surprise that filled her yet again with “gratitude.” Bologna discovered an old photo of Blake in a general album of families called, “Recorded Love.” “I broke down in tears when I saw that photo of me at 18 or 19,” Blake said. The photograph is of a younger Blake in a military uniform taken in South Carolina, where she did basic training for the U.S. Army Reserves as a college student. The photograph looks like a postcard, and next to the photo Blake wrote, “To my beautiful

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Petulia Blake, whose family came from Jamaica between 1990 and '91 and settled in Hartford, views an old photograph of herself in a military uniform at Connecticut's Old State House. COURTESY

CONNECTICUT

CORONAVIRUS IN CONNECTICUT

Positivity rate continues to rise, hits 10.5%

By Stephen Underwood
Hartford Courant

The number of new COVID-19 cases and hospitalizations in Connecticut continued to increase this week, according to the state Department of Public Health, with the state's positivity rate reaching 10.5%.
Out of 41,091 tests recorded, there were 4,314 positive cases in the past seven days, up from 3,496 positive cases last week, according to data.ct.gov.
“We’re projecting an increase over at least the next two weeks up to possibly the next eight weeks

with the variants,” said Dr. Ulysses Wu, infectious disease specialist at Hartford HealthCare. “We do expect that to taper off a bit later this summer and then see another rise in the fall and winter months.”
Hospitalizations increased from 264 a week ago to 293 Thursday, an increase of 29 patients. Officials stressed that some of those are incidental cases, in which people were admitted to a hospital for other reasons and then tested positive upon arrival.
Connecticut also saw 30 COVID-related deaths in the past week, for a total of 11,085 since the beginning of the pandemic.

Research has shown that deaths from the virus tend to lag behind an increase in cases.
“Less people are being hospitalized overall but that is rising as well with omicron,” Wu said. “One of the main causes for the increase in numbers is more variants but also more apathy toward the virus. Less people are masking than a year or two ago and that’s contributing to the rise in numbers.”
Omicron continues to be the dominant variant, the state said, with the sub-lineage BA.5 accounting for over half of Omicron cases diagnosed this week. Evolving subvariants will continue to drive

transmission and can impact those numbers, said Dr. Wu.
“The same thing happened last year with Delta, we saw an uptick in numbers with the spread of that variant,” Wu said. “This time around it’s now omicron that is spreading. More variants can certainly impact numbers as we head into fall.”
A new Yale study suggests rapid tests, along with isolating positive individuals, can help protect companies, teams, schools, and communities from outbreaks.
“There’s been a lot of throwing up of our hands lately as people think there’s no way to elimi-

nate risk. But that’s not true,” said Jeffrey Townsend, professor of biostatistics at the Yale School of Public Health in a press release. “If you test frequently enough, you can repress transmission within a community.”
“It turns out that the rapid antigen tests are basically as effective as PCR if there’s a day’s delay to get your PCR results,” Townsend said. “Notifying people that they’re sick is critical to them preventing further transmission.”
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THEATER REVIEW

‘Kim’s Convenience’ is a smart choice by Westport Playhouse

Compelling comedy/drama is based on immigrant experiences of South Korea-born playwright Choi

By Christopher Arnott
Hartford Courant

In its latest clever move in what is one of the most exciting Connecticut theater season schedules of this year, Westport Country Playhouse is staging “Kim’s Convenience,” a rich, deep and compelling comedy/drama whose themes of immigration and disrupted families continue to resonate.
The production is everything you would want it to be. If you’re a fan of the TV show, it informs that enthusiasm with different interpretations. If you don’t know the show, this is a strong play on its own terms. The cast of four Asian and one Black actors brings a special style, tone and perspective.
Dozens of theater plays have been turned into TV series, everything from “The Front Page” and “You Can’t Take It With You” to “Hot L Baltimore.” But the list of successful transitions from stage to the small screen is remarkably short. There’s “The Odd Couple,” and in more recent years there’s “Fleabag.”
And there’s also “Kim’s Convenience,” the hit Canadian sitcom that ran for five seasons (a total of 65 episodes) from 2016-21. The show can still be found on Netflix.
The “Kim’s Convenience” play has its own enviable history outside of the TV series based upon it. A massive success at the 2011 Toronto Fringe Festival led to a long-running Canadian production in 2012, a national tour and an off-Broadway production in 2017.
There are key differences

between the play and the series. Both are led by the cantankerous elderly Mr. Kim (played by David Shih) who runs a convenience store in downtown Toronto’s Regent Park neighborhood. Both follow the strained relationships among Kim, who is mainly addressed as “Appa,” meaning dad; his wife (Chuja Seo, Umma to his Appa); their daughter Janet (Cindy Im, bringing a great emotional intensity to a role that some might undervalue as lighter or more comical); and estranged son Jung (Hyunmin Rhee, who makes the character a compelling lost soul in the best Eugene O’Neill or Chekhov tradition).
In the play, Janet — an aspiring professional photographer who has no desire to follow her father into the family business — is 30, a decade older than she is in the TV show. This makes her parents’ pushing her to find a romantic relationship and get married all the more desperate and awkward. Jung, who ran away from the family in his teens is more guarded and remote in the stage version and he turns the story into one of salvation.
As in the series, Appa is prone to leash uncomfortable racist diatribes at the slightest provocation. He profiles potential shoplifters and calls the cops on people who drive Japanese-made cars. His allegiance to his native country is demonstrated by the history tests he inflicts on his children. As with all family dramas, not to mention sitcoms, that feature an unyielding, intransigent patriarch, Appa’s edicts and values are inevitably challenged.
The racially motivated outbursts



Chuja Seo and David Shih in “Kim’s Convenience” at Westport Country Playhouse. CAROL ROSEGG/COURTESY

IF YOU GO: “Kim’s Convenience” runs through Sunday at Westport Country Playhouse, 25 Powers Court, Westport. Performances are Saturday at 3 and 8 p.m. and Sunday at 3 p.m. \$40-\$60. westportplayhouse.org.
have a real impact in a live theater situation. Appa is an honestly complicated character, and that includes having some despicable traits that are very credibly dramatized.
Playwright Ins Choi was born in South Korea and raised in Toronto and based “Kim’s Convenience” on immigrant experiences he observed in his youth, as well on his own time as a convenience store clerk. He played the role of the son Jung in all the early productions of the play.
Choi clearly wasn’t brainstorming a sitcom when he wrote this play. It can be a bright ensemble comedy, but that’s deceptive since its themes of upheaval in an already dysfunctional family can get very dark. In fresh comments on his work, found in the show’s playbill, Choi notes the rise in Asian hate crimes since the pandemic, describes the act of

continuing to tell stories about his heritage as a sort of political activism and concludes that “stories are disarming, engaging our imaginations and viscerally reminding us of when we were all a little more supple.”
“Kim’s Convenience” is directed by Nelson T. Eusebio III. As a student at the Yale (now Geffen) School of Drama 15 years ago, Eusebio, who is now the associate artistic director of Kansas City Rep, helmed a very different sort of ensemble theater experience, “Marat/Sade,” where the audience had to look down into a pit at writhing asylum inmates. This time, the environment is an uncannily realistic convenience store created by scenic designer You-Shin Chen. The store is so convincing that you may find yourself thinking you should pick up a few things there before you leave the theater.
Eusebio uses the layout of an actual convenience store, with its too-tight aisles and too-wide freezer doors to create some marvelous little set pieces of everyday exasperation. The script is not afraid of hitting extremes and becoming unbelievable for the sake of a joke

or a heart-wrenching moment, but Eusebio grounds it.
Another reason “Kim’s Convenience” works uniquely well on stage is Choi’s smart idea of having everyone who’s not a member of the Kim family all played by the same actor. At the Westport Playhouse, Eric R. Williams plays a succession of convenience store customers, a local businessman and a cop. There’s not a lot of pretense to this, with Williams donning fake wigs (and in one case a not very well secured mustache) to change characters quickly. The awareness of the gimmick is what makes it work. You look forward to each of his appearances and then are rewarded when one of his fleeting characters becomes a major one as the plot develops.
“Kim’s Convenience” encompasses romance, drama, insult comedy, mystery, danger, thievery, comic violence, potato chips and much more. Westport Playhouse was smart to choose it, and shows how the material can still fit our rapidly changing times.
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ParaConn in Ansonia the place to be for all things supernatural

By Christopher Arnott
Hartford Courant

Apparently not even the psychics and mentalists who populated it could have predicted the success of last year’s inaugural ParaConn paranormal convention.
“I expected 100 or 200 people,” says the event’s co-organizer Charles Rosenay!!! of Liverpool Productions. He says his partner in the project, Nick Grossman, a clairvoyant who runs a paranomal investigation agency, “said there would be 500, and that I was underestimating the interest in this.”
“We had 1,500 people there. It sold out,” Rosenay!!! says. “We found that people were having these shared paranormal experi-

IF YOU GO: ParaConn II is Saturday and Sunday from 1 to 6 p.m. at the Ansonia Armory, 10 N. State St., Ansonia. Admission is \$14.99 or \$19.99 for special “VIP” access an hour before everyone else. There are also separate fees for a Saturday night afterparty (\$19.99 or \$29.99 VIP). paraconn.wordpress.com.
periences, shared psychic abilities other experiences, and no one to share them with.
“Every vendor from last year is back. Last year there were 60 vendors and this year there are 80.”
The convention is for those interested in paranormal and supernatural experiences but also includes Tarot reading, fortune telling, extrasensory perception

and other spiritual topics. Among the vendors are horror collectors, jewelers and make-up artists.
Special guests at the convention include the Amazing Kreskin, the celebrity mentalist whose face adorned an ESP-themed board game in the 1960s, as well as numerous associates of the famed (now deceased) Connecticut ghost hunters Ed and Lorraine Warren, including their nephew John Zaffis.
Several authors of books about haunted houses and other paranormal experiences will be in attendance, including Gothic novelist Leanna Renee Hieber and historian Bill Hall, who writes about “The World’s Most Haunted House” which happens to be in Bridgeport.

Rosenay!!!, who legally affixed three exclamation points to his surname decades ago, is known in Connecticut as a producer of Beatles conventions, the publisher of a long-running Beatles fanzine, the creator of the Fright Haven Halloween haunted house attraction, a party DJ who was a fixture at the well-remembered Bopper’s pop nostalgia clubs and even as the Davy Jones impersonator in a long-ago Monkees tribute band. His Liverpool Productions hosts Beatles tours of London and vampire tours of Transylvania.
The promoter is using ParaConn II to promote his latest book, “True Ghost Stories of Connecticut,” a collection of firsthand experiences shared by those who’ve had spiritual encounters in the state.

Rosenay!!! and Grossman are convinced that the Ansonia Armory is haunted. “The city won’t admit it,” Rosenay!!! says.
It may seem counterintuitive to stage a gloomy, shadow cast event such as ParaConn in the bright light of summertime, but Rosenay!!! argues that “for the purists who are into this, they don’t want fake Halloween tricks.”
Besides, he says, “Halloween is so busy for me, and I didn’t want to compete with everything else going on in October.” He’s planning a post-Halloween paranormal convention at Salem State University in Massachusetts in mid-November.
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Movement

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“I’ve been into fashion and was in the fashion industry for 15 plus years modeling, the red carpet hostess, array of things,” Houston said. “So that’s where the clothing line comes into play so we decided to do the clothing line.”
The couple created a YouTube Channel to share their stories. In 2020 during the pandemic, the trademark clothing line started with an online store at dkmovement-brand.com.
However, Houston says that selling primarily online during the pandemic was hard. Customers wanted to feel and see the products they were purchasing.
That is when a friend walked into Avril’s Boutique and thought DK Movement would be a great addition to the Bristol clothing store.

After their friend showed Brenda Jules, the owner Avril’s Boutique, some of their work, Jules wanted to meet with the couple. Jules was in the process of rebranding her casual-wear line to luxury sneakers and thought DK Movement would be a great addition to the store.
Houston thought that working with Jules would be a different, yet positive, experience.
“I never recall [a time] where I could go into a boutique and get luxury streetwear and get a pair of Balenciagas, a Louis Vuitton bag and get a whole outfit in one shop,” Houston said.
Now, the collaboration is working to bring fashion to the Bristol community — and beyond.
“[Brenda is] big on helping, like we are. She gave us a chance in her store — she housed us in her store,” Houston said. “The collaboration is going to be great because we have so many things that we want to do

together within the community.”
Although Houston loves that they are giving back to the community, Jones wants to highlight one important aspect that the two brands have in common.
“There [are] not too many collaborations with African American business owners,” Jones said. “We thought that would also be another spotlight just to help to show the community that we’re also working together.”
Recognized by the Greater New England Minority Supplier Development Council, Connecticut Chamber of Commerce and Shop-BlackCT, DK Movement often donates a portion of their profits and time to the Agapé House, a Christian church in Bristol dedicated to helping the homeless.
After participating in career day at the Boys and Girls Club in Bristol, the couple wanted to share the stories about their tough upbringing

to give motivation to the younger generation.
“Part of our speech [was] letting each individual kid know they can do anything they want in their life,” Jones said. “Once you change your mindset, you can just do anything with positive thinking, goal setting and having a great vision.”
Houston believes that young children should have people that are in their community as an example for success. Being a model during Fashion Week has taught her not everything that glitters is gold, a message she shares with her two daughters.
“Don’t live up to what you see on social media,” Houston said. “Look up to the people that you see within your community.”
DK Movement shares that they do not give advice just for show. The couple are business partners, lovers and each other’s biggest motivators. Houston says meeting Jones was one of the best things that has

happened to her. Before meeting Jones, Houston also was an alcoholic.
“I haven’t drank in five years since I met Derek. He was already changing, he helped me change my life,” Houston said.
Together the couple plans to do more outreach to community members and plans to continue to share the brand’s slogan “become your better self.”
DK Movement will have a booth at the House of Fire Ministries Small Business Expo located on 136 Riverside Ave in Bristol on Saturday from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. They will also be at the Bridgeport Community Festival at McLevy Green Park on July 23 from noon to 8 p.m. and the Rockwell Summer Festival at 238 Jacobs Street in Bristol on Aug. 20 from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.
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LIVING

CELEBRITIES

Moore to lead Venice film fest jury

From news service

Julianne Moore has been selected to serve as president of the main competition jury for the Venice International Film Festival this year, festival director Alberto Barbera announced Friday.

The Oscar-winning actor will preside over a jury that includes French director Audrey Diwan, whose film “Happening” won the Golden Lion last year; author Kazuo Ishiguro (“Never Let Me Go”); and Iranian actor Leila Hatami (“A Separation”). Also on the jury are Italian director Leonardo Di Costanzo (“The Inner Cage”), Argentinian filmmaker Mariano Cohn (“Official Competition”) and Rodrigo Sorogoyen (“The Candidate”).

The jury will decide on the festival’s main prizes, including the Golden Lion for best film and the Silver Lion for best director, which often set the tone for the upcoming awards season. Last year, Jane Campion was awarded the Silver Lion for her film “The Power of the Dog.” Campion went on to win the best director Oscar. It was one of seven times in the past decade that the director of a film that premiered at Venice would also win a best director Oscar that season.

The 79th Venice International Film Festival will run from Aug. 31 through Sept. 10.

Jonas, Turner welcome second child: Actor Sophie Turner and pop star Joe Jonas have welcomed their second child, a daughter, People magazine reported Thursday.

“Joe and Sophie are happy to announce the arrival of their baby girl,” representatives for the couple told People. The newborn’s name and date of birth have not been revealed.



Julianne Moore, seen June 14, will preside over the main competition jury at the Venice film festival. JP YIM/GETTY

Jonas, 32, and Turner, 26, who married in 2019, are also parents to a daughter, Willa, who celebrates her second birthday later this month.

The birth announcement comes a little over two months after Elle published an interview in which Turner revealed her pregnancy. “It’s what life is about for me — raising the next generation,” Turner said at the time. “... We’re so excited to be expanding the family. It’s the best blessing ever.”

Academy Museum to honor Roberts: Julia Roberts is being honored by the Academy Museum of Motion Pictures at its second annual gala in October, the organization said Friday. The actor, who won an Oscar in 2000 for her role in “Erin Brockovich,” will be presented with the Icon Award in recognition of the significant global cultural impact of

her career.

“Over the course of her expansive and renowned career, Julia has embodied iconic characters and memorable roles,” said Jacqueline Stewart, the director and president of the Academy Museum, in a statement.

Director Steve McQueen, actor Tilda Swinton and “Parasite” producer Miky Lee will also receive awards at the Oct. 15 gala, which serves as a fundraiser for the museum’s programming and educational initiatives.

July 16 birthdays: Singer William Bell is 83. Drummer Stewart Copeland is 70. Dancer Michael Flatley is 64. Actor Phoebe Cates is 59. Actor Daryl Mitchell is 57. Actor Jonathan Adams is 55. Actor Will Ferrell is 55. Actor Corey Feldman is 51. Actor Jayma Mays is 43. Actor AnnaLynne McCord is 35. Actor Mark Indelicato is 28.



ASK AMY

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Families should hold on to discharge papers

Dear Amy: My father died three weeks ago.

After his death, I talked with a close friend whose father died in 2007.

Our experiences inspired me to write to you, and I ask you to please publish this as an alert to all veterans and to their immediate families: Please keep your military discharge papers in a safe place, and be sure your family knows where these documents are located!

Our fathers were both veterans who were buried with full military honors, but they were almost denied that right due to bureaucratic issues.

In both cases, the funeral homes contacted the VA for our fathers’ discharge papers, only to be told that the VA had no record of their service. (Some years ago, a fire destroyed a VA building, which may explain why some records were lost.)

Without those papers, it was impossible to prove they had served, and without that proof, neither of our families could have had the honor guard at our father’s funerals. By superhuman effort, an employee of the office that stores some of my father’s documents found his papers and got them to the funeral home in time for the honor guard to be arranged.

My friend’s father had been active in a veteran’s organization whose members were able to arrange the honor guard on his behalf, but for both our families, it was a near miss and very stressful.

If you or your closest family members were in the service, please get this straight before need arises. I don’t want anyone else to

have to go through what we did.

— *Proud Daughter of a Veteran*

Dear Proud Daughter: I’m very sorry for your loss, and I appreciate being able to publish this as a helpful public service to readers.

I also offer your advice in honor of our “Uncle Bud,” whose funeral I attended just last week.

Bud had just turned 104 when he died; in addition to being a wonderful man, he was a very proud veteran of World War II, after which he served in the merchant marines.

The honor guard ceremony Uncle Bud received was so moving. Every servicemember who has served honorably also deserves an honorable final send-off, and I thank you for reminding family members to keep these important papers on hand.

Military One Source (militaryonesource.org) has a guide of eligibility for military honors.

Dear Amy: What can I say to people who idle their cars while sitting in a parking lot? We do not need more pollution!

These idlers are generally not happy when I knock on their window and bring up the subject. What firm-but-polite words can I use?

I’m even thinking of printing business cards to leave on the vehicle, because sometimes the owners of the idling car are not even in it!

— *Greg in Minnesota*

Dear Greg: Unless there is a human or animal in the car waiting while the car’s owner dashes into

the pharmacy for some life-saving medication, there is no justification for an empty car to sit idling.

Rather than printing up cards, I suggest a flyer placed on the windshield of an empty idling car.

According to the Department of Energy (afdc.

energy.gov), “Researchers estimate that idling from heavy-duty and light-duty vehicles combined wastes about 6 billion gallons of fuel annually. About half of that is attributable to personal vehicles, which generate around 30 million tons of CO2 every year just by idling. While the impact of idling may be small on a per-car basis, the impact of the 250 million personal vehicles in the U.S. adds up. For saving fuel and reducing emissions, eliminating the unnecessary idling of personal vehicles would be the same as taking 5 million vehicles off the roads.”

Dear Amy: I could not believe that you told “Past Completed” that she “owed” three bully friends “a debt of gratitude” after they apologized for long-ago bullying behavior.

This person does not owe these jerks anything! — *Upset*

Dear Upset: The context of this “debt of gratitude” was that “Past Completed” might feel grateful that these bids for forgiveness were summarily shredded, and the circle is now closed. I agree that she owes them nothing!

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MUSIC REVIEWS

Imagine Dragons offers light at end of tunnel in 2nd volume

If you were hiding under your bed after listening to the last album by Imagine Dragons, it’s time to come out. The second volume of “Mercury” is upbeat, often Caribbean-spiced and throbbing. It’s the sound of a band getting its arena groove back.

“Act 1” in 2021 was all plucky strings, seething beats and grand electronic synths as lead singer, songwriter and lyricist Dan Reynolds poured heartache, tragedy and his struggles with sobriety into a raw, confessional and searing album. The cover depicted a man falling.

The cover of “Act 2” could be of a man jumping, and that seems to fit many of the close to 20 new tracks, which are wistful, confessional and owning weakness, but there is light at the end of the tunnel. Take the eclectic, slightly deranged “I’m Happy,” with Reynolds singing “Even when I might fall down/I know my luck come back around.”

Much of the album is thankful for his partner, like the loving “Symphony” — a top-rock ditty written seemingly under a palm tree — with the lyrics: “I’m the chord/ And you’re the melody.” The band hits new heights with “Sharks,” a richly textured, eerie anthem about selfishness, and “Bones,” a banger with that reggae-tinged, sing-along Imagine Dragons catchy magic.

Not all the songs succeed, as one might suspect from such a stuffed album. There’s an uncooked quality to “Crushed,” “Ferris Wheel” and “Take It Easy,” and a naive quality to “Tied” and “Continual,” while the regretful ballads “I Wish” and “They Don’t Know You Like I Do” might better off serve as therapy



‘Mercury — Act 2’
Imagine Dragons
(Kidinakorner/Interscope)

for Reynolds.

But don’t sleep on “Sirens” and “I Don’t Like Myself,” two mid-tempo, expertly crafted tunes that take the band in different directions. And on “Higher Ground,” the band is really cooking, with lyrics that could sum the entire second album up: “What a life/I live until I die/ Won’t fail unless I try/Bleeding, keep on breathing.” — *Mark Kennedy, Associated Press*

Even Canadian rock stars are looking introspectively — and existentially — at their role and the meaning of it all in today’s seemingly crumbling world. But hey, a pretty rockin’ album came out of it.

Metric’s “Formentera” throws listeners into the deep end with “Doomscroller,” which starts off feeling like a warehouse rave or fever dream or maybe both. What sounds like a siren blaring in the background accompanies lyrics that capture the spiraling, sinking feeling of getting sucked into a bad news synth frenzy. The techno scylla rises and falls like a doom(sc)roller coaster, only to dissipate where you expect the beat drop to be.

There’s a shift a little over halfway through the 10-minute song, and the



‘Formentera’
Metric
(Metric Music International)

dark, pulsing beats are replaced with hopeful, poignant piano chords. By the end of the song, you’ve forgotten all about the fever rave that was the beginning of the song — you’re just swaying as frontwoman Emily Haines oohs.

The accompanying music video features blue-hued shots of the band members juxtaposed with overlapping, peaceful outdoor scenes. The blue lighting is also used in the video for “All Comes Crashing,” where a long-lashed Haines sings a love letter, but to whom?

In the album’s namesake “Formentera,” Haines contemplates fame and shame, imagining walking away from it all on a beach of the picturesque Spanish island.

And “I Will Never Settle” is a bold response: “Caught a glimpse of a normal life/ Terrified by the sight.” The lyrics flow confidently and doubtlessly as Haines repeats, “We will never settle, it would crush our souls.” Throughout the album, there’s questioning and existentialism, and it’s an undoubted product of the past couple of pandemic years, but in classic Metric fashion, listeners can’t help but rock out anyway. — *Kiana Doyle, Associated Press*

HOROSCOPES

Tarot.com

Aries (March 21-April 19):

You might shy away from showing your feelings to others. Someone may have noticed the way you’re feeling, especially if your emotions are based around them or their actions. Emotions don’t have to control you.

Taurus (April 20-May 20):

Trying to please everyone might not go well today. There could be multiple people that you’re attempting to cater to, likely out of necessity, but you’re not an octopus, nor are you a full team of waiters. There’s only so much that you can do. You may not be able to make everyone happy.

Gemini (May 21-June 20):

Your comfort zone may not be easy to leave right now. Someone could be encouraging you to get out of a job that has outworn its welcome, but you aren’t willing to give it a chance out of fear. Be sure that you’re making a confident decision and not a fearful one.

Cancer (June 21-July 22):

Sharing might currently seem arduous to you now. Possessive feelings can crop up. Your past experiences have left you afraid. However, remember that someday in the future you may want to share something that someone has, and they might not be willing to if you’re tightfisted now.

TODAY IN HISTORY

Associated Press

On July 16, 1945, the United States exploded its first experimental atomic bomb in the desert of Alamogordo, New Mexico.

In 1951, the novel “The Catcher in the Rye” by

Leo (July 23-Aug. 22):

What you don’t know might hurt you at the moment. Your ignorance about a subject could turn into an embarrassing situation. Having to offer your opinion on a subject you’re unfamiliar with may be unavoidable, but act with humility when answering any uncertain questions.

Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22):

Having fun without doing a ton of work today may entice you. Jumping right past any preparatory steps in order to get to the more enjoyable part of an activity might sound easy. Instead of trying to rush through things, take it all step by step so you’re not at a loss when it’s time.

Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 22):

Plans to have fun might be dashed by responsibilities at any moment. Regardless of how excited you were for an enjoyable time with someone special, a crisis that requires your assistance could crop up before you make it there. This may trap you between a rock and a hard place.

Scorpio (Oct. 23-Nov. 21):

Freedom may now be feeling like it’s just out of reach. You might want to escape from your current situation and its rules and regulations, but you can’t see a way to break out of your obligations. Even so, following through is likely the right thing to do. Remind yourself of your goals.

Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21):

Secrets just under the surface could create tension today. Despite how juicy or desired it might be, gossiping about it is unlikely to go well for you. Especially if you find yourself being pressured by someone to share — they could be hiding their true intentions.

Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19):

Personal life may feel shaky. A difference of opinion could destabilize what you had thought was a steady connection. You might have to explain your thought process to them in order to reconnect. Tell your side of the story and listen to theirs before you make a decision.

Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 18):

Self-control could have to work overtime today. No matter how mentally disciplined you are, it might be difficult for you to put that into practice in the moment. Look at your life and ask yourself if you have time to focus and pursue your goals. Life is too short to put off your ambitions.

Pisces (Feb. 19-March 20):

You might not be able to hide your feelings at this time. Someone could probably still uncover your true feelings even if you try to deceive them, so it’s better to be honest — or say nothing if you have nothing nice to say. It’s likely not worth the risk of actually lying, so try to evade very sensitive questions.

J.D. Salinger was first published.

In 1964, as he accepted the Republican presidential nomination in San Francisco, Barry M. Goldwater declared that “extremism in the defense of liberty is no vice” and that “moderation in the pursuit of justice is no virtue.”

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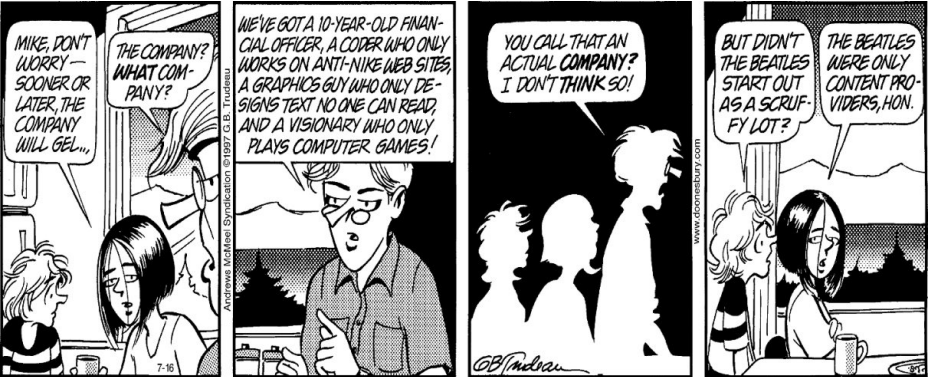
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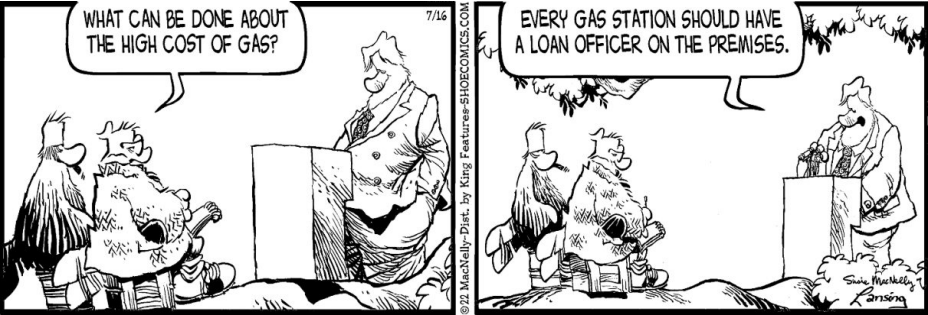
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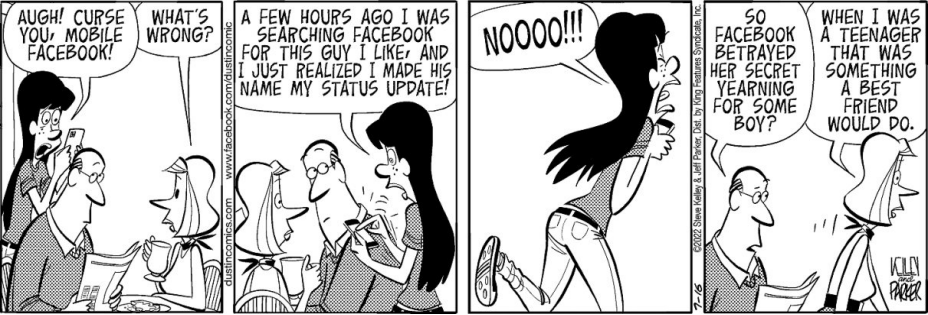
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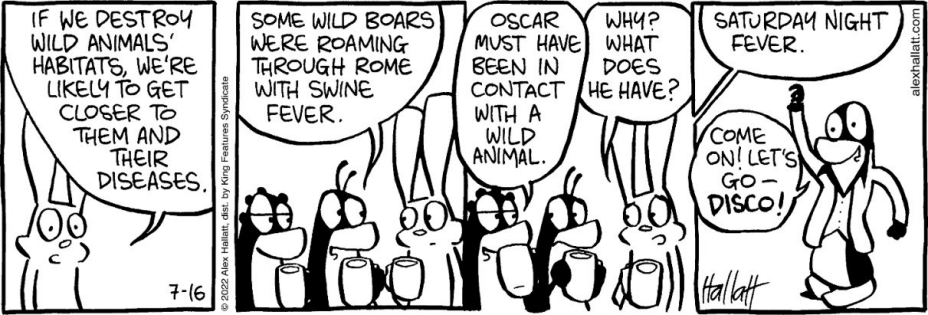
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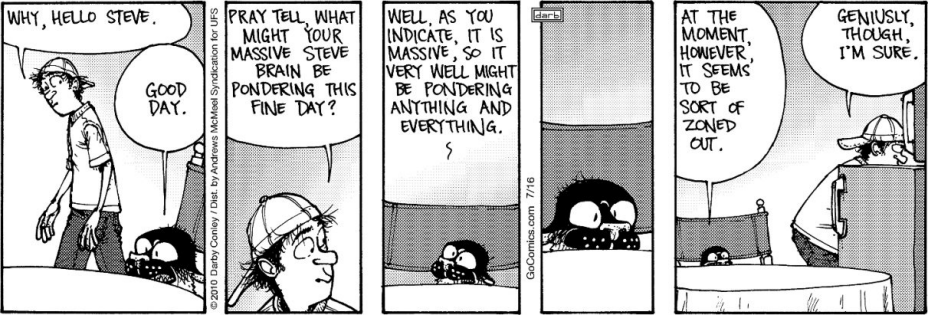
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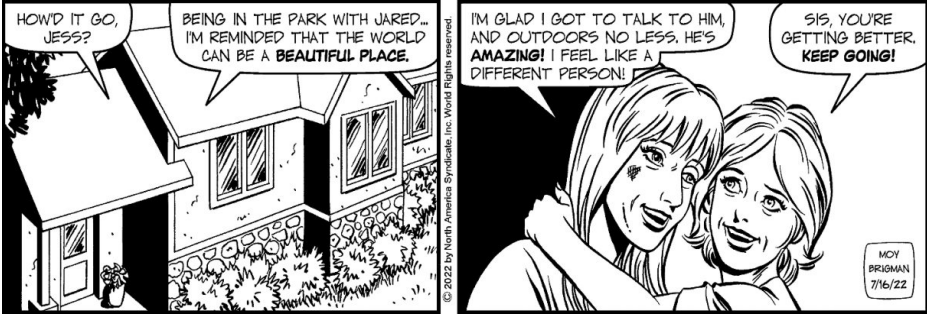
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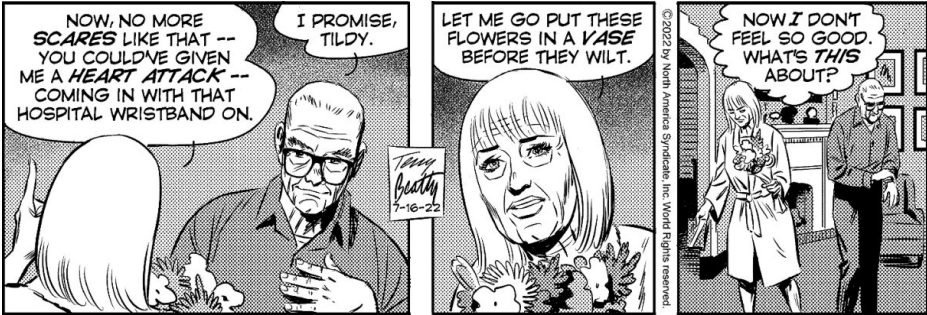
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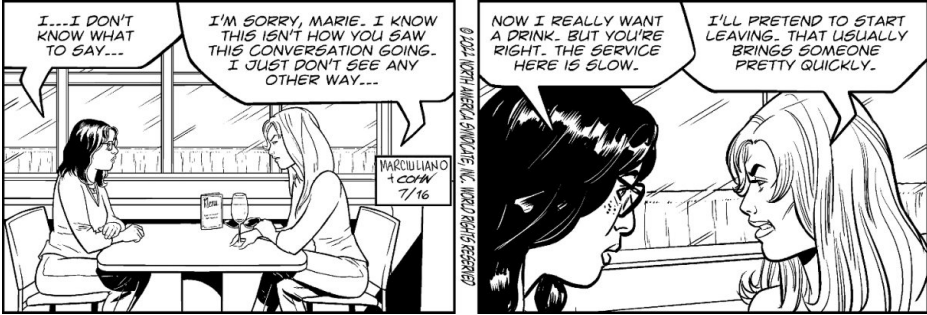
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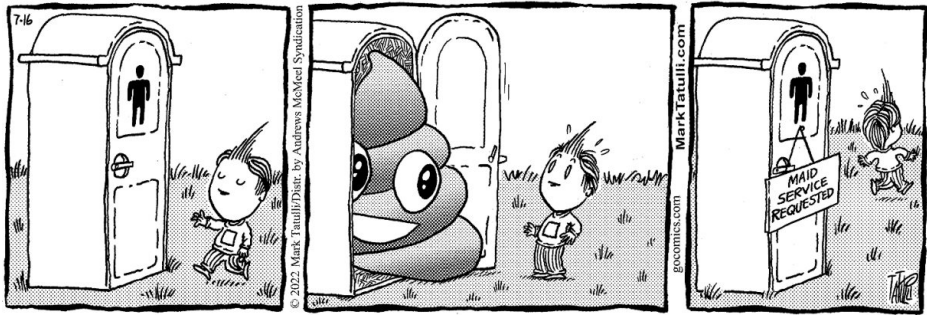
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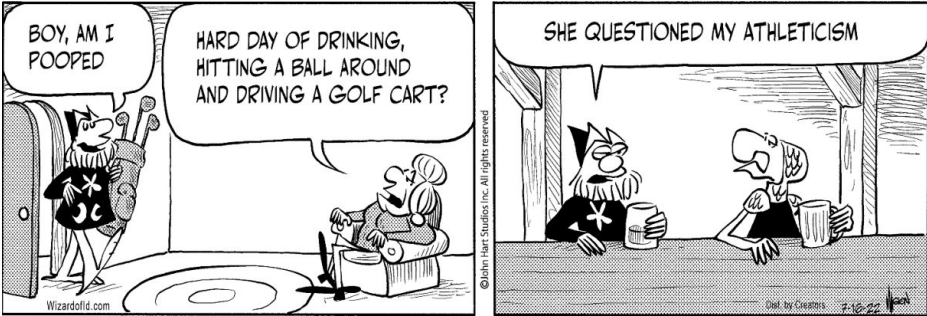
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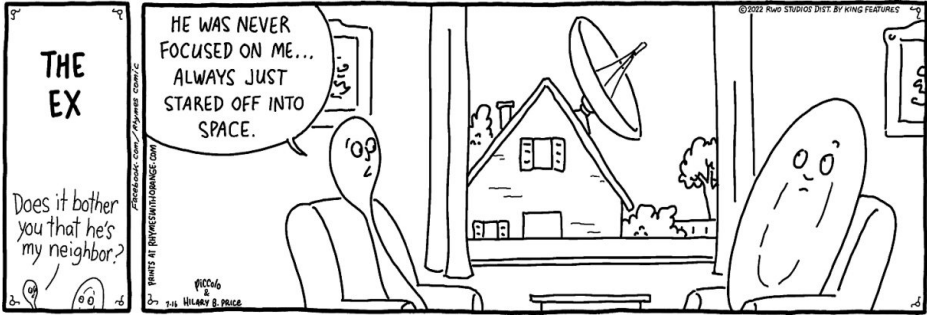
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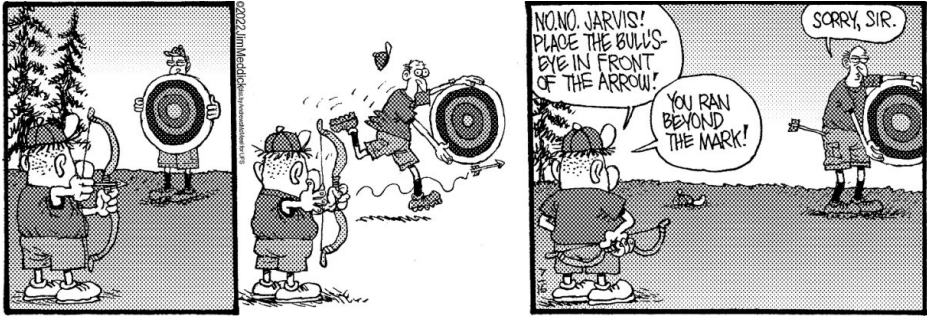
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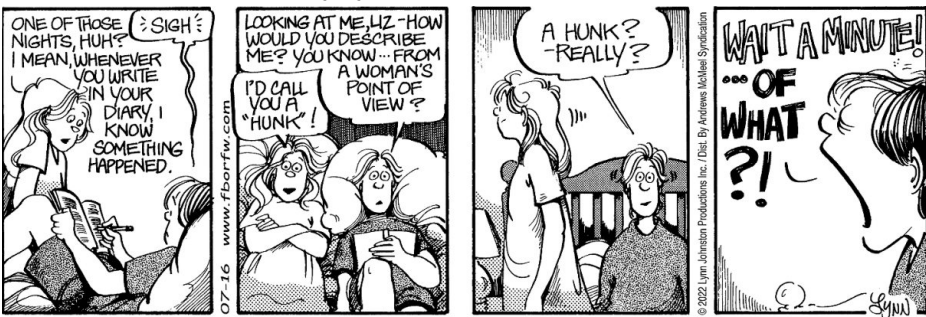
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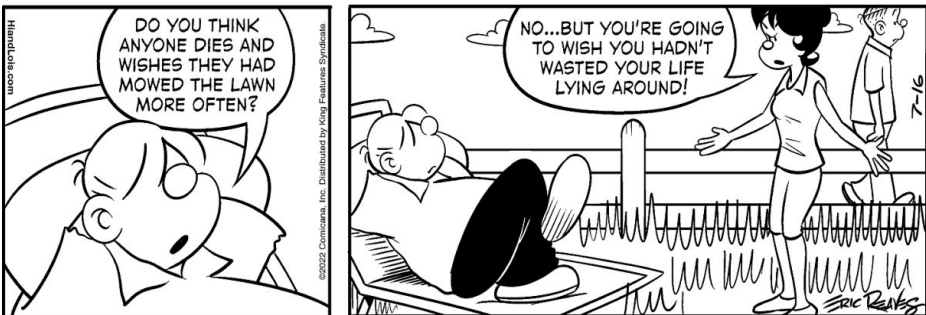
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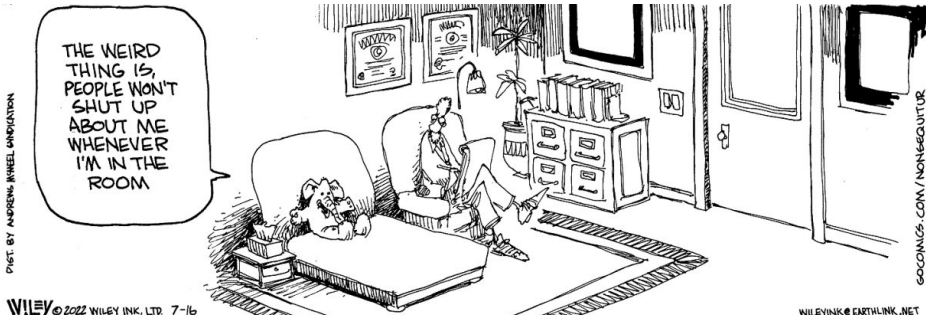
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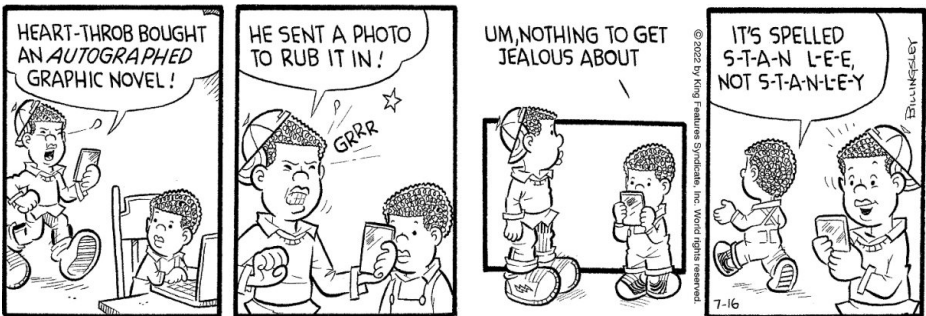
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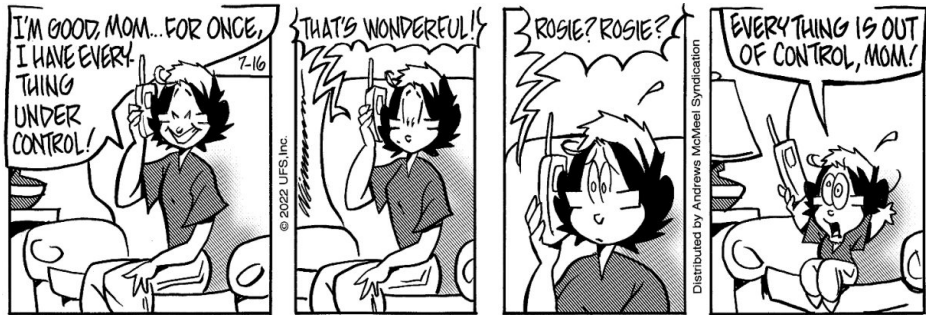
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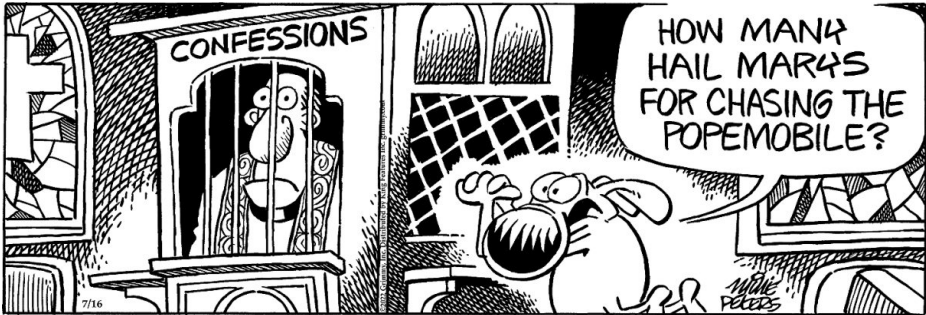
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Mother Goose And Grimm



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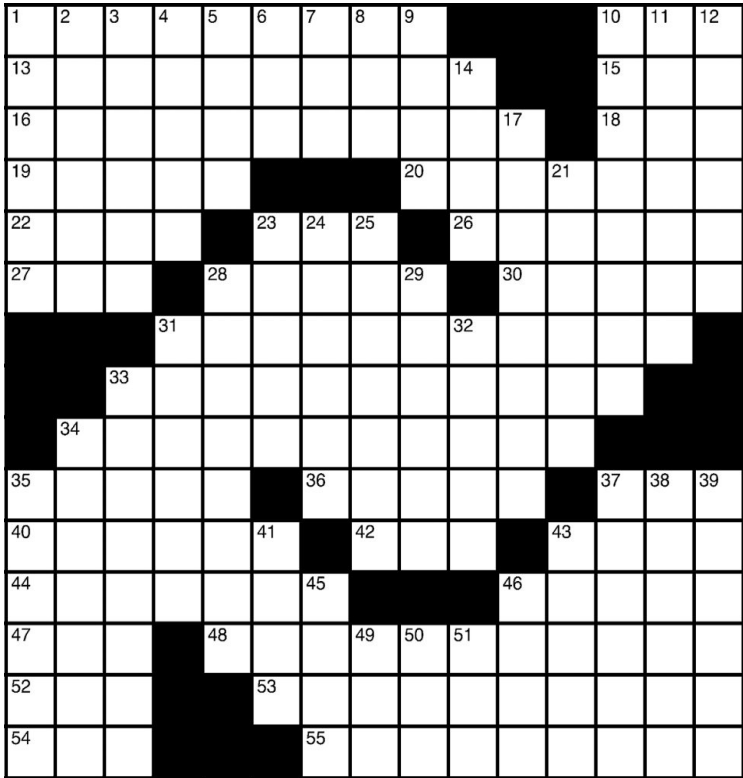
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Across

- 1 Devices that may shed some light on a situation
- 10 "4X2=8" rapper from Korea
- 13 Got credit, in a way?
- 15 Consumed
- 16 Simple cocktail
- 18 Agcy. whose logo is an eagle holding a scale
- 19 Freelancer's info
- 20 Event that might be called "morp"
- 22 Two dry gallons
- 23 "Mañanitas": Mexican birthday song
- 26 Artisan at Kells
- 27 De Armas of "No Time to Die"
- 28 Semisolid dessert
- 30 Flax fabric
- 31 Fast tracks?
- 33 Element of 1990s fashion
- 34 Sticks in windows
- 35 Stand in a painting class
- 36 Tries out
- 37 Handheld or holding hands, for short
- 40 Performs brilliantly
- 42 __ Moines
- 43 Did some digging
- 44 Many a Mugler garment
- 46 In the stars
- 47 Reddit Q&A
- 48 Celebration where many are out on the streets?

- 52 Bestie
- 53 Cry of horrible realization?
- 54 Class for some immigrants: Abbr.
- 55 Cool footwear
- Down
- 1 Place for some nail trims
- 2 Camp nurse's item
- 3 Great Hill People
- 4 Flair
- 5 __ flare
- 6 Tally
- 7 Pilates roll
- 8 Employee's perk: Abbr.
- 9 Provided backup, in a way
- 10 Twosomes
- 11 Flashers in a club
- 12 Sycophants
- 14 __-variance tradeoff
- 17 Brooklyn MiLB team
- 21 Stripes, florals, etc.
- 23 "I got this!"
- 24 Herb honored with a National Medal of Arts in 2013
- 25 Sucked hard
- 28 Cancel one's order?
- 29 Go against, for short
- 31 Paired symbols, for short
- 32 Seasons, as pasta water
- 33 Wants for nothing
- 34 Nation in the Lucayan Archipelago

- 35 __ room
- 37 Latke ingredient
- 38 "Dexter's Laboratory" older sister
- 39 One of three snake species native to Britain
- 41 Assistant who can control HomeKit accessories
- 43 Cruel
- 45 Sturdy tan work boots, slangily
- 46 Album buyers, presumably
- 49 Auerbach of the Black Keys
- 50 Prefix with "pop" or "rock"
- 51 Hard-hitting sound



By Malaika Handa Tribune Content Agency 7/16/22

BRIDGE

BY STEVE BECKER

South dealer.
Both sides vulnerable.
NORTH
♠ 10 8 5 4 3
♥ 6 4
♦ Q 9 5
♣ A J 3

WEST
♠ A K 6
♥ A Q J 7 2
♦ 10 2
♣ 9 7 4
EAST
♠ K 9 8 5 3
♥ 8 7 4 3
♦ 10 6 5 2
SOUTH
♠ Q J 9 7 2
♥ 10
♦ A K J 6
♣ K Q 8

The bidding:
South 1 ♠ West 2 ♥ North 2 ♠ East 3 ♥
Opening lead — ten of diamonds.

Cutting the Gordian knot

A red flag means danger, and it makes no difference whether you see it on the highway or at the bridge table. In either case, the best thing to do is to slow down and be careful.

Consider this deal where South reached four spades on the bidding shown and West led the ten of diamonds. Declarer won with the king and returned a trump. West went up with the king, on which East discarded the nine of hearts.

Disregarding the heart signal for the moment, West led the deuce of diamonds. South won with the ace and played a second trump.

West took the ace and led a low heart to East's king, and when East returned a diamond and West ruffed, South was down one.

Granting that the defenders functioned flawlessly to defeat the contract, South would have made four spades had he

headed the warning implicit in the opening lead, which indicated that West had either a singleton or doubleton diamond and was trying for a ruff.

South should therefore have led a heart at trick two in order to interfere with enemy communications. This would have neutralized the danger of a ruff by severing a vital link between the defenders.

The heart play at trick two could do no harm because:

If West had one diamond and three trumps, the contract could not be made, period.

If West had one diamond and two trumps, the contract could not be defeated, since South would lose only two trumps and a heart.

If West had two diamonds and three trumps (the actual case), leading a heart was the only way to defuse the impending ruff.

JUMBLE

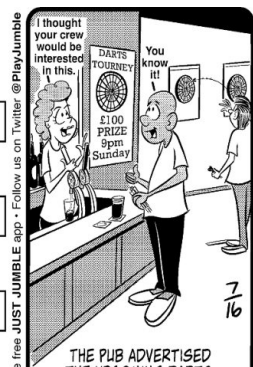
BY DAVID HOYT AND JEFF KNUREK

Unscramble these Jumbles, one letter to each square, to form four ordinary words.

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EMCOA
NESIUG
THORET

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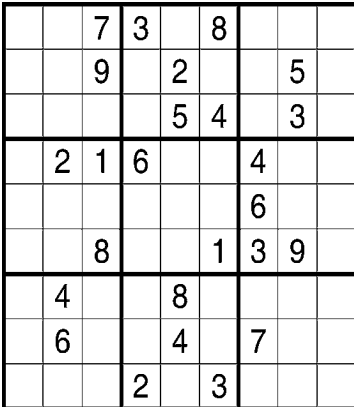


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(Answers Monday)

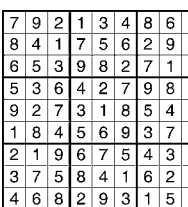
Yesterday's Jumbles: QUOTA GROUP LIQUID USEFUL
Answer: The cephalopods came to a reciprocal business arrangement that was — "SQUID" PRO QUO

TODAY'S SUDOKU



Complete the grid so each row, column and 3-by-3 box in bold borders) contains every digit, 1 to 9. For strategies on how to solve Sudoku, visit www.sudoku.org.uk

ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE



ANSWER TO PREVIOUS CROSSWORD PUZZLE



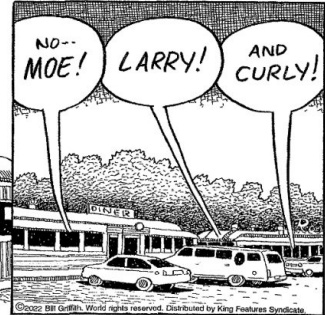
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RED SOX VS. YANKEES

Desperate Sox look to build momentum before break

By **Matthew Roberson**
New York Daily News

NEW YORK — The Yankees are mired, if you can call it that, in the worst stretch of their season. After losing two of three against a Cincinnati team whose front office is actively not trying to win, the Yankees have dropped four out of five games for the second time this season. They are 4-6 in their last ten games and have not won any of their last three series. Standing between them and the All-Star

break though, perhaps luckily, are the Boston Red Sox, a team that also finds themselves in a bad way. Boston is 2-8 over their last 10 and were outscored 22-12 by the Rays in a four-game sweep. While the Red Sox can all but forget about winning the American League East, they are still right in the thick of the wild card hunt. The Red Sox tromp into Yankee Stadium for this three-game set in a tie for the third spot. Putting together a trio of good games against the pinstripes not only sends them into the break on a

nice high, it also likely boosts them in the standings. The Red Sox have played the Yankees tough this season. Though the Yankees own the upper hand in the season series, having taken four of the seven contests, four of the games have been decided by one run. Coming off the embarrassment of getting swept, plus knowing that the Yankees are scuffling a bit, look for the Red Sox to come out swinging.

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Red Sox pitcher Nathan Eovaldi reacts after giving up a three-run home run to Giancarlo Stanton of the Yankees in the third inning Friday at Yankee Stadium in New York. **ELSA/GETTY**

NASCAR

LaJoie out to prove strong end at Atlanta was no fluke

By **Dan Gelston**
Associated Press

LOUDON, N.H. — Ten years ago, Corey LaJoie won more races in a NASCAR regional series season than Chase Elliott. LaJoie even won more races that season than Kyle Larson. LaJoie finished as runner-up — just 16 points back — to Larson in the season points standings. Larson wrapped up the 2012 NASCAR K&N Pro Series East championship in the same race a 16-year-old rookie named Tyler Reddick made his debut. All drivers with so much promise.

Check it out a decade later: Larson is the reigning NASCAR Cup Series champion and widely considered the best pure driver in the sport. Elliott won the 2020 Cup title and has a lock on the most popular driver award. Reddick just won his first Cup race and is rising star so in demand that 23XI Racing this week signed him to a deal that doesn't start until 2024.

Then there's LaJoie. The 30-year-old driver spent most of his career scuffling through driving for underfunded or upstart teams and had only one top-five finish over his first 182 career starts. But in start No. 183 Sunday at Atlanta Motor Speedway, LaJoie led the field from the inside lane on a restart with three laps left in the race. His first career win in sight, Elliott slid up the banking to cut off his challenger. LaJoie ran out of room and smashed the outside wall. He settled for 21st, a number that hardly shows how agonizingly close LaJoie was to beating Elliott for the win and taking the checkered flag for the low-budget Spire Motorsports team. "I wish I'd been sitting here looking at the trophy all week," LaJoie said. "I know that you're only as good as your last race, and you roll right into Loudon and then everybody forgets

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Up next

Sunday: Ambetter 301 at New Hampshire Motor Speedway, 3 p.m., USA Network

MLB DRAFT



Though he pitched only eight innings for UConn, Reggie Crawford could be a first-round pick in the MLB Draft on Sunday. **UConn ATHLETICS**

MYSTERY PICK

Former UConn star Reggie Crawford figures to be a top selection in 2022 draft, but it's complicated

"He was intriguing as a hitter and a pitcher and he looked like one of those guys, especially in the Northeast, who could really explode while he was in college."

— *Kiley McDaniel, ESPN college baseball/draft analyst, on Reggie Crawford*

By **Dom Amore**
Hartford Courant

This much is consensus: Reggie Crawford is a unique player with a dynamic personality and will be considered by every team picking from the middle of the first round forward during the MLB draft, which begins Sunday night. But here the mysteries: Could Crawford go as high as the top 15? Or given his very brief collegiate experience, does he fall to the middle of the second round, in the 40s or 50s? What would it take for Crawford, 21, to sign, rather than play next season at Tennessee, where

he committed this week after leaving UConn via the transfer portal? And can Crawford, who was hitting 100 MPH with his fastball before Tommy John surgery and hit 450-foot home runs for UConn, be a two-way player as a pro? "Crap shoot with that one," said one major league scout, requesting anonymity. "No one really knows if he's a hitter or pitcher. Leaning pitcher. But I think someone does do it late in the first round." Crawford, 6-foot-4, 235, who throws and bats lefthanded, did not gain much attention from pro scouts coming out of high school in Pennsylvania, but UConn's coaches saw the raw potential and

recruited him. "He was intriguing as a hitter and a pitcher, and he looked like one of those guys, especially in the Northeast, who could really explode while he was in college," said Kiley McDaniel, ESPN college baseball/draft analyst. "Usually, you see 10 guys like that, two or three of them make the jump in college. Then I heard late last year he was throwing 100 in the bullpen at UConn, it looked like he made the jump." Crawford played mostly first base for the Huskies as a freshman and sophomore and hit 14 home

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BRITISH OPEN

Emotional Woods fails to make cut at St. Andrews

Round may have been his last at famed course

By **Doug Ferguson**
Associated Press

ST. ANDREWS, Scotland — Tiger Woods made an early and emotional departure Friday from the British Open, possibly for the last time at St. Andrews. Cameron Smith can only wonder if the 150th Open will be his arrival as an undisputed elite player. Smith already won The Players

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Championship this year and has risen to as high as No. 3 in the world. His 8-under 64 gave him his first lead in a major, by two shots over PGA Tour rookie Cameron Young. Rory McIlroy lurked another shot back. "It's obviously a really good spot to be in," Smith said. "I feel like I've

been in this spot a lot over the past couple of years, and things just haven't quite gone my way yet." Woods strode over the Swilcan Bridge without stopping to pose for pictures and said it "felt like the whole tournament was right there" when he walked the final 356 yards of what was otherwise a long day of 75 to miss the cut. Woods didn't retire from major championship golf or the British Open. He's just not sure a right

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Tiger Woods gestures to the crowd at the end of his second round of the British Open on Friday at St. Andrews, Scotland. **PETER MORRISON/AP**

SPORTS

UP NEXT

Red Sox: at Yankees, Saturday, 7 p.m.; at Yankees, Sunday, 1:30 p.m.; Blue Jays, Friday, 7 p.m.
Yankees: Red Sox, Saturday, 7 p.m.; Red Sox, Sunday, 1:30 p.m.; at Houston (2), Thursday, 1 & 6:30 p.m.
Mets: at Cubs (2), Saturday, 2 & 8 p.m.; at Cubs, Sunday, 2 p.m.; Padres, Friday, 7 p.m.
Yard Goats: Harrisburg, Saturday, 6 p.m.; Harrisburg, Sunday, 1 p.m.; at Binghamton, Friday, 7 p.m.
Sun: Aces, Sunday, 1 p.m.; Liberty, Tuesday, 11:30 a.m.; at Lynx, Friday, 8 p.m.
Hartford Athletic: at Charleston, Saturday, 7:30 p.m.; Pittsburgh, July 23, 7 p.m.; at Rio Grande, 8:30 p.m.

TVO/RADIO
AUTO RACING

12 p.m.: NASCAR Cup Series Ambetter 301, Qualifying. (Live) USA
1 p.m.: FIA Formula E Racing New York E-Prix. (Live) CBS
2:30 p.m.: NASCAR Xfinity Racing Series Crayon 200. (Live) USA
5 p.m.: IMSA Weathertech Sportscar Championship Northeast Grand Prix. (Same-day Tape) USA
8 p.m.: Camping World SRX Series. (Live) CBS
BASEBALL
1 p.m.: Baseball Futures Collegiate Baseball League: Worcester Bravehearts at Westfield Starfires. (Live) NESN
2 p.m.: New York Mets at Chicago Cubs. (Live), WPIX. Radio: 880
3 p.m.: Kansas City Royals at Toronto Blue Jays. (Live) SPRTNET
4 p.m.: Detroit Tigers at Cleveland Guardians. (Live) FS1
7 p.m.: Regional Coverage. (Live) FOX
7 p.m.: Boston Red Sox at New York Yankees. (Live), FOX. Radio: 1080, 97.9
8 p.m.: New York Mets at Chicago Cubs. (Live), SNY. Radio: 880
10 p.m.: Regional Coverage. (Live) MLB
1 a.m.: Milwaukee Brewers at San Francisco Giants. (Same-day Tape) FS1
BASKETBALL
12 p.m.: The Basketball Tournament Peacock Nation vs Americana for Autism. (Live) ESPN2
1:30 p.m.: Indiana Pacers vs Washington Wizards. (Taped) NBA
3 p.m.: NBA Summer League Basketball (Taped) NBA
4 p.m.: Playoffs: Teams TBA. (Live) ESPN
6 p.m.: The Basketball Tournament Hoopville Warriors vs YGC. (Live) ESPN2
8 p.m.: WNBA }Chicago Sky at Dallas Wings. (Live) CBSSN
8 p.m.: Teams TBA. (Live) ESPN
8 p.m.: The Basketball Tournament Team Overtime vs Omaha Blue Crew. (Live) ESPN2
BICYCLING
8 a.m.: 2022 Tour de France Stage 14. (Live) USA
BOWLING
1 p.m.: Strike Derby. (Taped) FS1
FOOTBALL
11 p.m.: Hawthorn Hawks vs West Coast Eagles. (Live) FSP
GOLF
7 a.m.: 2022 Open Championship Third Round. (Live) NBC
4 p.m.: Dow Great Lakes Bay Invitational, Final Round. (Live) CBS
6 p.m.: Barracuda Championship, Third Round. (Live) GOLF
9 p.m.: 2022 Open Championship Third Round. (Taped) GOLF
4 a.m.: 2022 Open Championship Final Round. (Live) USA
HOCKEY
3 p.m.: 3ICE Event 5. (Live) CBSSN
LACROSSE
3:30 p.m.: Premier Lacrosse League All-Star Game. (Live) ESPN
RUGBY
10 a.m.: Castleford Tigers vs Warrington Wolves. (Live) FSP
SOCCER
7 a.m.: Club Friendly: Sevilla vs Tottenham Hotspur. (Live) CBSSN
2:30 p.m.: UEFA Women's EURO 2022 Finland vs Germany. (Live) ESPN2
5:55 p.m.: Fútbol Mexicano Primera División Atlas vs. Cruz Azul. (Live) UNI
9:30 p.m.: Fútbol Amistoso internacional: América vs. Chelsea. (Live) UNI
10 p.m.: Women's International Champions Cup Soccer (Live) ESPN
TRACK AND FIELD
1:30 p.m.: World Athletics Championships. (Live) CNBC
3 p.m.: World Athletics Championships. (Live) NBC
8 p.m.: World Athletics Championships. (Live) CNBC
9 p.m.: World Athletics Championships. (Live) NBC

Crawford

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runs, with 78 RBI, in 64 games in 2020 and 21. He threw only eight innings, striking out 17.

In the Cape Cod League last summer, he focused on pitching and soon had scouts flocking to see his fastball and above-average breaking pitch. With USA Baseball, he impressed experienced professionals and was considered for a last-minute berth to join them for the Tokyo Olympics.

During the fall season at UConn, he reported elbow problems and had the Tommy John surgery in October, effectively ending his career in Storrs.

“Had he been healthy this year, there’s a good chance he could have shown he belonged as high as the top 10 in the first round,” said Jonathan Mayo, MLB.com draft and prospect analyst. “Teams don’t shy away from pitchers who had Tommy John surgery, but what makes Crawford’s case so complicated is there are so little track record to draw from. Because he’s thrown so few innings in his career, coupled with the injury history, it’s a larger risk to take because you don’t exactly know what you’re getting.”

As Crawford worked at his rehab from the surgery — while UConn was surging to the Big East regular season and tournament title, and to the NCAA Super Regional — MLB evaluators, including Padres GM A.J. Preller, were coming to Storrs to watch his early throwing sessions. Nearly every team has expressed interest, and Crawford met with many executives during the MLB Combine in June.

According to Joe Doyle, director of draft coverage for the website Prospects Live, Crawford’s personality left a strong impression.

“The only consistent narrative I’ve heard from everyone I’ve talked to, [he has] a generational, elite make-up,” Doyle said. “Reggie Crawford has slowly, meticulously moved his way up [draft] boards for a number of reasons. He’s gone from a guy who, because of the Tommy John surgery, was floated in the second round to early third round range to, now, categorically being an option in the first round, potentially as high as the top 15.”

Crawford, who is being advised by former MLB outfielder Kenny Felder and Excel Sports Management, offered a pre-draft curve ball this week, announcing his decision to transfer to Tennessee. It could prove to be a strategic move and a message to interested teams; if he is not drafted high enough, or offered enough money for his liking, Crawford could develop his pitching ability next year against the powerful lineups of the SEC and try the draft again in 2023. And there would be greater name-image-likeness income opportunities playing baseball in that conference, perhaps equaling an MLB offer.

“I think he knows the best way to develop is in professional baseball if there is a suitable offer for him,” McDaniel said. “I am not hearing the buzz that he is un-signable and throwing out \$6 million [as a demand], but maybe all the offers come in a little lower than he wants and he says, ‘maybe there is something I can do here.’ I don’t think it’s a game-changer, but maybe it helps him feel a little better about

turning down offers.”

The “slot values” for the 2022 draft start with \$8.84 million for the No.1 pick, held by Baltimore. The No. 10 pick (Rockies) is worth \$4.98 million. By the end of the first round, slot value is down to \$2.48 million (Giants at No. 30). If Crawford falls into the compensation picks between the first and second rounds, values remain over \$2 million, and doesn’t drop under \$1 million until the 70th pick, late in the second round. A team picking Crawford could go above the slot figure to keep him from returning to college, but would then have less money for other draftees.

The risks on Crawford’s end, if he chooses to go back to college baseball to boost his stock, is that he could get injured again, his recovery from the surgery could go awry, or he might not pitch effectively against SEC competition.

Though Crawford would likely be a draft prospect as a hitter, his upside as pitcher is the reason he would be considered in the first round. Shohei Ohtani’s success as a two-way player with the Angels could make organizations more amenable to letting a player like Crawford try to do both at the start of his pro career, but the analysts don’t see another Ohtani and believe Crawford’s future is on the mound.

“The gap between where he would be drafted as a pitcher-only vs. hitter-only is a number of rounds,” McDaniel said. “The best he’d hope for is they would let him hit some in pro ball, as sort of a courtesy, but I don’t think that’s a huge factor.”

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UConn catcher Matt Donlan, from Guilford, impressed scouts with his elite skills, throwing out more than half of those who tried to steal, and could be taken in the MLB Draft next week. KELLY SHEEHAN/AP

MLB DRAFT

UConn players figure to lead crop of state picks

By Dom Amore
Hartford Courant

There will be some intrigue and suspense during the first round of the MLB Draft, as both UConn and Tennessee baseball fans, and those who follow unique prospects, keep their eyes glued to see where Reggie Crawford goes.

Crawford, a slugger and pitcher who has nominally transferred from UConn to Tennessee figures to be drafted Sunday, when the first two rounds, with compensation picks in between, will be staged starting at 7 p.m. on ESPN and the MLB Network. There are a large number of draft hopefuls among Crawford’s former teammates at UConn, and players at other colleges and at high schools and prep schools across the state who will be waiting for that potentially life-changing phone call on Monday (Rounds 3-10) or Tuesday (Rounds 11-20). Both days start at 2 p.m. on MLB Network.

Here is a look at some of the state players considered potential picks:

UConn

Crawford might have been a top-10 pick had he not missed the season recovering from Tommy John surgery. But the Huskies, who won a school-record 50 games, the Big East regular season and tournament title and reached the Super Regional, had scouts following them all year and several players who will be considered.

YARD GOATS 8, SENATORS 2

Stovall grand slam powers Goats past Harrisburg

Staff report

HARTFORD — Hunter Stovall hit a two-out grand slam in the second inning and the Yard Goats rode the pitching of Noah Davis to an 8-2 win over the Harrisburg Senators in an Eastern League game on Friday night at Dunkin’ Donuts Park.

In the second, Brenton Doyle led off with a single. With two outs Senators starter Ronald Herrera walked Tyler Hill and Isaac Collins before Stovall cleared the bases with his sixth home run, a shot to left-center. Stovall finished with three hits in addition to the four RBIs.

Hartford (52-33) added two

runs in the fifth as Doyle and Kyle Dattres came through with RBI singles, then single runs in the seventh and eighth on a solo homer from Grant Lavigne and a Daniel Montana sacrifice fly.

Davis, meanwhile, improved to 6-6, pitching six shutout innings allowing four hits while striking out eight.

Sox

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As motivated as they may be, this is a squad with some massive question marks hovering over them, both for the season-long outlook and this series in the Bronx. Two of the Red Sox probable pitchers — Nathan Eovaldi and Chris Sale — have been extremely limited this year. But this is the most critical juncture of the Red Sox’s schedule thus far, and they’re prepared to throw Eovaldi on Friday and Sale on Sunday against Gerrit Cole.

Eovaldi went on the injured list on June 12 with back troubles, something the Red Sox thought would require nothing more than a brief trip to the IL. He’s ended up missing more than a month as the issue turned out to be nerve-related, affecting his hip as well. But Eovaldi was ready to go for his Friday night start at Yankee Stadium, an interesting choice given that the team will soon have four days off for the All-Star break. Bringing him back for this tilt against the Yankees sends a clear message: the Red Sox can’t afford to go much longer without their best players.

Sale had essentially two years wiped out as he recovered from Tommy John surgery and was diagnosed with a stress fracture in his rib during spring training. Following an extensive rehab process that included his famous, rage-induced destruction of a minor league stadium, Sale made his first MLB start on Tuesday, shutting the Rays out for five innings. Sunday will mark his first appearance at Yankee Stadium since Aug. 3, 2019, when he was hammered for eight runs in 3.2 innings.

It has been evident for years now that Sale is not the pitcher he once was. Pride will obviously play a big part in this, as Sale is a seven-time All-Star who’s finished in the top five of Cy Young voting six times and owns the greatest strike-out-to-walk ratio of all-time. But depending on how his next starts go, it may be time for him to settle into a bullpen role. His velocity was trending downward in 2019 before electing to get Tommy John, and missing as much time as he has would be difficult for any pitcher to bounce back from, even one of his caliber.

MLB

Mets-Cubs postponed at Wrigley

By Deesha Thosar
New York Daily News

CHICAGO — Marcus Stroman’s revenge game will have to wait.

The Mets-Cubs game on Friday afternoon at Wrigley Field was postponed due to rainy weather in the forecast. The game was rescheduled as part of a split doubleheader on Saturday. Game 1 is set for 2:20 p.m., followed by Game 2 at 8:20 p.m.

The Mets announced that Taijuan Walker will start Game 1 and Max Scherzer will get the ball for the second game. The Cubs will send Stroman to the mound in Game 1, followed by Drew Smyly in Game 2.

Stroman, who went 14-15 and posted a 3.21 ERA over 1.5 seasons with the Mets from 2019-21, will be looking to dominate against his former team. In February during the MLB owners’ lockout, the right-hander had some choice words about the Mets organization that suggested the two sides left on sour terms.

“Just look at who the Mets hired as their GM...that tells you enough,” Stroman tweeted in late February. “His lack of awareness in his previous position is being exposed to the public. I’m beyond thankful I’m gone from that organization. God got me!”

Stroman was referring to Mets GM Billy Eppler’s former position, when he was Angels GM from 2015-20, including during Los Angeles’ opioid scandal that was exposed in 2019. Stroman’s tweet came two months after he signed with the Cubs on a three-year, \$71 million contract.

Burning a bridge on his way out of Queens, Stroman went 2-5 and recorded a 5.32 ERA in his first nine starts in Chicago. He went on the injured list in June with shoulder inflammation and returned last week to deliver four strong innings against the Dodgers.

BASEBALL

AMERICAN LEAGUE

EAST	W	L	PCT	GB	WCGB	L10	STR	HOME	AWAY
New York	62	27	.697	—	—	4-6	L-1	35-11	27-16
Tampa Bay	49	40	.551	13	+2 ½	6-4	W-4	29-17	20-23
Boston	47	43	.522	15 ½	—	2-8	L-4	23-20	24-23
Toronto	47	43	.522	15 ½	—	3-7	L-1	27-19	20-24
Baltimore	45	44	.506	17	1 ½	10-0	W-10	25-17	20-27

CENTRAL	W	L	PCT	GB	WCGB	L10	STR	HOME	AWAY
Minnesota	49	42	.538	—	—	4-6	L-1	26-20	23-22
Cleveland	44	44	.500	3 ½	2	4-6	W-1	23-19	21-25
Chicago	44	45	.494	4	2 ½	6-4	W-3	19-25	25-20
Detroit	37	53	.411	11 ½	10	4-6	L-2	23-24	14-29
Kansas City	36	53	.404	12	10 ½	7-3	W-2	19-27	17-26

WEST	W	L	PCT	GB	WCGB	L10	STR	HOME	AWAY
Houston	58	30	.659	—	—	7-3	W-1	27-12	31-18
Seattle	48	42	.533	11	+1	10-0	W-11	24-20	24-22
Texas	41	46	.471	16 ½	4 ½	4-6	L-1	21-23	20-23
Los Angeles	39	51	.433	20	8	2-8	L-1	22-25	17-26
Oakland	30	60	.333	29	17	4-6	L-1	11-31	19-29

BOX SCORES

LATE THURSDAY: SEATTLE 6, TEXAS 5

Seattle	AB	R	H	BI	SO	AVG
Rodriguez cf	4	1	1	1	2	.273
France dh	5	0	2	2	3	.303
C.Santana 1b	4	0	0	0	1	.222
Suarez 3b	3	0	1	2	2	.241
Winkler lf	5	0	2	0	1	.229
Raleigh c	4	0	0	0	3	.196
D.Moore ss	3	0	0	0	2	.192
a-Frazier ph-ss 2	1	1	1	0	0	.231
Toro 2b	4	1	1	0	0	.179
Haggerty rf	4	3	3	1	1	.283
TOTALS	38	6	11	6	15	
Texas	AB	R	H	BI	SO	AVG
Semien 2b	4	1	3	0	0	.241
Seager ss	3	1	1	2	1	.246
Garcia rf	4	1	1	0	2	.239
Heim c	4	1	2	1	0	.267
Lowe 1b	4	0	0	1	0	.274
C.Taveras cf	4	0	2	1	0	.338
Calhoun lf	4	0	0	0	3	.228
Hernandez dh	3	1	2	0	1	.667
b-Smith ph	1	0	0	0	0	.247
Culberson 3b	3	0	1	0	0	.253
c-Miller ph	1	0	0	0	1	.210
TOTALS	35	5	12	5	8	

a-singled for D.Moore in the 8th, b-grounded out for Hernandez in the 9th, c-pinch hit for Culberson in the 9th. **E:** Castillo (1). **LOB:** Seattle 11, Texas 7. **2B:** France (16), Seager (11), Heim 2(11), Culberson (3). **HR:** Haggerty (2), off Perez. **RBIs:** Haggerty (5), Suarez 2(49), Rodriguez (45), France 2(47), Seager (250), Heim (32), Lowe (38), Taveras (13). **CS:** Taveras (2). **SF:** Seager. **Runners left in scoring position:** Seattle 6(Suarez, Raleigh), Haggerty 2, Winkler; Texas 1(Garcia). **RISP:** Seattle 4for 12; Texas 5for 10. **Runners moved up:** Lowe 2. **GIDP:** Culberson, Heim. **DP:** Seattle 3(Raleigh, D.Moore, Raleigh), Suarez, Toro, C.Santana; Toro, C.Santana).

SEATTLE	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	ERA
Gonzales	6	11	5	5	2	4	3.50
Festa, W, 2-0	1	0	0	0	0	2	3.97
Munoz, H, 10	1	0	0	0	0	1	3.00
Castillo, S, 6-6	1	1	0	0	0	1	3.93
TEXAS	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	ERA
Perez	5	3	1	1	4	9	2.68
Richards	1 ½	2	2	2	0	2	3.55
M.Moore, H, 4	¾	1	0	0	0	1	1.77
D.Santana, L, 3-5, H, 16 ½	3	3	3	3	0	0	
Burke, BS, 0-2	¾	1	0	0	0	1	1.17
Tavoris, W, 1	1	0	0	0	0	1	.94
Inherited runners-scored:	M.Moore 2-2, Burke 3-2. 1BB: off Seager (1). HR: D.Santana (Rodriguez). Umpires: Home, Junior Valentine; First, Chris Segal; Second, Andy Fletcher; Third, Bill Welke. T: 3:20. A: 19,243(40,300).						

LATE THURSDAY: CINCINNATI 7, N.Y. YANKEES 6 (10)						
Cincinnati	AB	R	H	BI	SO	AVG
India 2b	4	1	2	0	1	.230
Drury 3b-1b	4	1	1	1	1	.279
Pham lf	5	1	1	0	0	.244
Votto 1b	5	1	2	2	1	.215
2-Reynolds 3b	0	1	0	0	0	.253
Stephenson c	5	1	2	1	0	.323
K.Farmer ss	5	0	1	2	0	.262
Solano dh	5	0	1	0	1	.273
Senzel cf	4	1	1	0	0	.257
Fairchild rf	2	0	0	0	1	.125
b-Naquin ph-rf 1	0	1	0	0	1	.242
TOTALS	40	7	11	7	7	
NY Yankees	AB	R	H	BI	SO	AVG
LeMahieu 3b	4	0	0	0	2	.266
Judge cf	4	2	1	1	1	.278
Rizzo 1b	5	0	1	0	2	.224
Stanton dh	5	1	0	1	1	.232
Carpenter rf	3	2	1	2	1	.338
Torres 2b	5	1	1	2	2	.273
Gallo lf	3	0	0	0	1	.164
Trevino c	4	0	1	0	0	.255
Gonzalez ss	2	0	0	0	1	.241
a-Donaldson ph0	0	0	0	0	0	.225
1-Kiner ss	1	0	1	0	0	.273
TOTALS	36	6	6	6	11	
Cincinnati	000	010	030	3	—	7110
N.Y. Yankees	000	001	030	2	—	66 0

a-hit by pitch for Gonzalez in the 8th, b-struck out for Fairchild in the 9th. 1-ran for Donaldson in the 8th. 2-ran for Votto in the 10th. **LOB:** Cincinnati 8, New York 11. **2B:** Votto (17), Stephenson (9), Rizzo (14). **HR:** Judge (31), off Hoffman; Torres (14), off Hoffman; Carpenter (11), off Sanmartin. **RBIs:** Drury (51), Votto (29), K.Farmer 2 (44), Stephenson (35), Solano (6), Stanton (58), Judge (66), Torres 2(40), Carpenter 2(24). **SB:** Trevino (2), Gallo (2). **SF:** Drury. **Runners left in scoring position:** Cincinnati 5(Drury, Senzel, Pham, Stephenson, Solano); New York 5(Carpenter, LeMahieu 4). **RISP:** Cincinnati 5for 16; New York 1for 6. **Runners moved up:** Stephenson, Stanton. **CINCINNATI** **IP** **H** **R** **ER** **BB** **SO** **ERA**
Castillo 7 2 1 1 4 8 2.77
Hoffman, BS, 0-1 ½ 2 3 3 2 1 3.59
Strickland ¾ 0 0 0 1 2 4.73
Sanmartin, W, 3-4 1 1 2 1 1 0 8.13
Moreta, S, 1-1 ½ 1 0 0 0 0 7.36
NY YANKEES **IP** **H** **R** **ER** **BB** **SO** **ERA**
Cortes 7 4 1 1 1 4 2.63
Loaisiga ¾ 4 3 3 0 0 8.31
Abreu 1 ½ 0 0 0 0 2 2.28
Lugo, L, 2-3 1 3 3 2 0 1 3.19
Inherited runners-scored: Strickland 1-0, Moreta 1-0, Abreu 1-0. **HBP:** Castillo (Carpenter), Cortes (India), Strickland (Donaldson), Abreu (Senzel). **WP:** Abreu. **Umpires:** Home, Jerry Layne; First, Adam Hamari; Second, Chad Whitson; Third, Nick Mahrley. **T:** 3:44. **A:** 41,311(47,309).

All-Star Rosters List

Game: Tuesday at Dodger Stadium, Los Angeles; i-inactive; r-replacement

AMERICAN LEAGUE
Manager: Dusty Baker, Houston
Catcher: Alejandro Kirk, Toronto
First Base: Vladimir Guerrero Jr., Toronto
Second Base: Jose Altuve, Houston
SS: Tim Anderson, Chi. White Sox
Third Base: Rafael Devers, Boston
Designated Hitter: Shohei Ohtani, LAA
Outfield: Aaron Judge, NY Yankees
Outfield: Mike Trout, LA Angels
Outfield: Giancarlo Stanton, NY Yankees
RESERVES
Catchers: Jose Trevino, NY Yankees
Infielders
Xander Bogaerts, SS, Boston
Jose Ramirez, 3B, Cleveland
Luis Arraez, 1B, Minnesota
Andres Gimenez, 2B, Cleveland
r-Corey Seager, SS, Texas
Outfielders
i-George Springer, Toronto
Byron Buxton, Minnesota
Andrew Benintendi, Kansas City
Kyle Tucker, Houston
Julio Rodriguez, Seattle

LATE THURSDAY: MILWAUKEE 3, SAN FRANCISCO 2 (10)

Milwaukee	AB	R	H	BI	SO	AVG
McCutchen lf	5	0	2	1	3	.259
Adames ss	5	0	1	1	2	.214
Brosseau 3b	3	0	1	0	2	.294
a-Petersen ph-3b2	0	0	0	0	0	.250
Renfroe rf	4	0	1	0	2	.243
Caratini c	5	0	1	0	2	.246
1-Yelich pr	0	1	0	0	0	.250
Narvaez c	0	0	0	0	0	.244
Urias 2b	5	0	2	0	1	.227
Tellez 1b	4	1	2	0	0	.231
Severino dh	2	0	1	0	0	.333
b-Wong ph-dh 2	0	0	0	0	0	.225
Davis cf	4	1	2	1	1	.240
TOTALS	41	3	13	3	11	
San Francisco	AB	R	H	BI	SO	AVG
Wade Jr. 1b	4	0	0	0	2	.169
Pederson lf	3	0	1	1	1	.254
d-Slater ph-cf 1	0	0	0	0	0	.279
Estrada 2b	3	0	0	0	0	.259
Belt dh	3	0	1	0	1	.241
e-Ruf ph-dh 1	0	0	0	0	0	.285
Gonzalez rf-lf 4	1	0	0	0	0	.227
Villar 3b	4	0	0	0	3	.229
Yastrzmski cf-rf3	1	0	0	2	.232	
Crawford ss	4	0	1	0	2	.218
Bart c	1	1	1	0	0	.176
c-Flores ph	1	0	0	0	1	.254
Wynns c	1	0	0	0	1	.222
TOTALS	33	2	4	1	13	

Milwaukee	000	101	000	1—	313	0
San Francisco	002	000	000	0—	2	4
a-pinch hit for Brosseau in the 6th, b-flied out for Severino in the 8th, c-struck out for Bart in the 8th, d-pinch hit for Pederson in the 8th, e-flied out for Belt in the 8th. 1-ran for Caratini in the 10th. LOB: Milwaukee 14, San Francisco 6. 2B: Renfroe (10), Bart (3). RBIs: McCutchen (38), Adames (50), Davis (3), Pederson (42). SB: Renfroe (1), Adames (3), Yastrzmski 2(3). SF: McCutchen. Runners left in scoring position: Milwaukee 10(Tellez, McCutchen, Caratini 3, Adames 4, Renfroe); San Francisco 4(Wade Jr. 2, Ruf 2). RISP: Milwaukee 3for 15; San Francisco 1for 9. Runners moved up: Wong. GIDP: Caratini, Gonzalez. DP: Milwaukee 1(Adames, Tellez); San Francisco 1(Wade Jr., Crawford, Wade Jr.).						

MILWAUKEE	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	ERA
Burnes	7 ¾	4	2	1	3	10	2.14
Milner	1	0	0	0	0	0	2.06
Gott, W, 2-2	¾	0	0	0	0	2	4.03
Williams, S, 6-6	1	0	0	0	0	1	1.77
SAN FRANCISCO	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	ERA
Rodon	5	8	1	1	3	7	2.66
Brebba, BS, 0-1	1	3	1	0	0	0	2.50
Garcia	1	0	0	0	0	1	1.91
Leone	1	0	0	0	0	1	3.41
Doval, L, 3-5	2	2	1	0	1	2	3.03
Inherited runners-scored:	Milner 2-0, HBP: Milner (Estrada). WP: Burnes, Rodon, PB: Caratini (2). Umpires: Home, Bruce Dreckman; First, Gabe Morales; Second, Pat Hoberg; Third, Brock Ballou. T: 3:52. A: 26,994(41,915).						

Atlanta	200	021	000	-	5	6	0
Washington	110	000	011	-	4	11	1

1-ran for Garcia in the 9th.

E: Ruiz (6). **LOB:** Atlanta 1, Washington 7.

2B: Soto (17).

HR: Hanson (15), off Sanchez; Harris II (8), off Sanchez; Olson (16), off Machado; Bell (13), off Wright; Franco (12), off Hanson.

RBIs: Swanson 2 (52), Harris II 2 (26), Olson 3 (58), Bell (48), Franco 2 (37), Cruz (48). **SB:** Cruz (3), Robles (10).

Runners left in scoring position: Atlanta 0: Washington 5 (Cruz, Bell, Ruiz, Garcia 2).

RISP: Atlanta 2 for 3; Washington 3 for 9.

Runners moved up: Cano, Franco.

GIDP: Cano. **DP:** Washington 2 (Franco, Garcia, Bell; Garcia, Bell).

Atlanta	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	ERA
Wright, W, 11-4	7	7	2	2	1	4	2.95
Minter, H, 18	1	2	1	1	0	1	1.85
Jansen, S, 21-25	1	2	1	1	0	2	3.63
WASHINGTON	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	ERA
Sanchez, L, 0-1	5	4	4	4	2	5	7.20
Machado	1	1	1	1	0	1	4.05
Harvey	1	0	0	0	0	1	0.00
Clippard	2	1	0	0	0	1	0.00
Umpires:	Home, Jordan Baker; First, Chris Guccione; Second, Mark Carlson; Third, Jose Navas. Time: 2:54. A: 25,771(41,339).						

Designated Hitters
i-Yordan Alvarez, Houston
Miguel Cabrera, Det (Special Selection)
Shohei Ohtani, LA Angels
r-J.D. Martinez, Boston
Pitchers
Starters
Shane Bieber, Tampa Bay Rays
Nestor Cortes, NY Yankees
Alek Manoah, Toronto Blue Jays
Framber Valdez, Houston Astros
Martin Perez, Texas Rangers
Paul Blackburn, LA Angels
Gerrit Cole, NY Yankees
Justin Verlander, Houston Astros
Shohei Ohtani, LA Angels
Relievers
Clayton Kershaw, NY Yankees
Emmanuel Clase, Cleveland Guardians
Gregory Soto, Detroit Tigers
Jorge Lopez, Baltimore Orioles
NATIONAL LEAGUE
Manager: Brian Snitker, Atlanta
Starters
Catcher: Willson Contreras, Chicago Cubs
First Baseman: Paul Goldschmidt, St. Louis
Second Baseman: Jazz Chisholm Jr.,

LATE THURSDAY: L.A. DODGERS 4, ST. LOUIS 0

LA Dodgers	AB	R	H	BI	SO	AVG
Betts rf	4	0	1	0	0	.269
T.Turner ss	4	1	1	0	0	.304
Freeman 1b	3	1	2	0	0	.320
Smith c	3	0	2	1	0	.320
J.Turner dh	3	0	1	0	0	.248
Lamb lf	3	0	0	0	0	.241
a-Thompson lf	1	0	0	0	0	.213
Muncy 3b	4	0	0	0	3	.158
Bellinger cf	3	1	0	0	0	.290
Luz 2b	3	1	1	2	0	.219
TOTALS	31	4	8	4	3	
St. Louis	AB	R	H	BI	SO	AVG
Edman ss	4	0	0	0	1	.256
Carlson cf	3	0	2	0	0	.258
Goldschmidt 1b4	0	1	0	1	0	.336
Arenado 3b	4	2	0	0	0	.299
Pujols dh	4	0	0	0	2	.214
O'Neill lf	4	0	0	0	2	.238
Yepez rf	2	0	0	0	1	.254
Donovan 2b	2	0	0	0	0	.281
Knizner c	2	0	0	0	0	.205
B-Gorman ph	1	0	0	0	0	.234
Romine c	0	0	0	0	0	.133
TOTALS	30	0	5	0	7	

SCOREBOARD

SOCCER

MLS EASTERN	W	L	T	PT	GF	GA
Philadelphia	9	2	9	36	31	14
New York City FC	10	4	5	35	38	21
N.Y. Red Bulls	9	5	6	33	30	21
CF Montréal	9	8	2	29	33	35
Orlando City	8	7	5	29	25	29
Cincinnati	7	7	6	27	32	35
Charlotte FC	8	10	2	26	23	24
Columbus	6	5	8	26	25	22
New England	6	6	7	25	31	32
Atlanta	6	8	5	23	28	30
Inter Miami CF	6	9	4	22	19	29
Chicago	5	10	2	20	27	38
Toronto FC	5	11	4	19	26	37
D.C. United	5	10	3	18	25	39
MLS WESTERN	W	L	T	PT	GF	GA
Austin FC	12	4	4	40	41	23
Los Angeles FC	12	4	3	39	38	21
Nashville	8	6	6	30	26	25
Real Salt Lake	8	6	6	30	25	26
Minnesota United	8	8	4	28	27	25
FC Dallas	7	6	7	28	30	24
LA Galaxy	8	8	3	27	28	25
Seattle	8	9	2	26	26	23
Portland	6	9	6	26	22	29
Vancouver	7	9	4	25	22	33
Houston	6	10	4	22	25	28
San Jose	5	7	7	22	32	39
Colorado	5	8	6	21	22	27
Sporting KC	5	11	5	20	19	35

Three points for win, one point for tie.

SATURDAY'S MATCHES
Toronto FC at CF Montréal, 7:30p.m.
New England at Philadelphia, 7:30p.m.
Seattle at Chicago, 8p.m.
Charlotte FC at Miami, 8p.m.
D.C. United at Minnesota, 8p.m.
LA Galaxy at Colorado, 9p.m.
Austin FC at FC Dallas, 9p.m.

SUNDAY, JULY 17
Orlando City at Atlanta, 3p.m.
New York City FC at New York, 5p.m.
Cincinnati at Columbus, 7:30p.m.
Los Angeles FC at Nashville, 8:30p.m.
Sporting KC at Real Salt Lake, 9:30p.m.
Houston at San Jose, 9:30p.m.
Vancouver at Portland, 10:30p.m.

U.S. OPEN CUP WEDNESDAY, JULY 27, SEMIFINALS
N.Y. Red Bulls at Orlando City, 5:30p.m.
Sporting Kansas City at Sacramento Republic FC, 8:30p.m.

NWSL CLUB	W	L	T	PT	GF	GA
San Diego FC	6	3	3	21	19	11
Chicago	5	1	5	20	19	12
Portland	4	1	6	18	24	10
OL Reign	4	2	5	17	11	8
Angel City FC	5	4	2	17	10	11
Houston	4	4	3	15	16	13
Kansas City	4	4	3	15	11	14
Gotham FC	4	5	0	12	7	13
Orlando	3	5	3	12	12	26
Louisville	2	5	4	10	13	18
Washington	1	5	6	9	11	15
North Carolina	2	5	2	8	14	16

Three points for win, one point for tie.

FRIDAY'S RESULT
Louisville at San Diego Wave FC, late

SATURDAY'S MATCHES
Chicago at Houston, 8:30p.m.
Gotham FC at Portland, 10:30p.m.

SUNDAY'S MATCHES
Orlando at Washington, 5p.m.
OL Reign at Kansas City, 7p.m.

U.S. WOMEN'S SCHEDULE (10-0-1)
s-Feb. 17: U.S. 0, Czech Republic 0
s-Feb. 20: U.S. 5, New Zealand 0
s-Feb. 23: U.S. 5, Iceland 0
April 9: U.S. 9, Uzbekistan 1
April 12: U.S. 9, Uzbekistan 0
June 25: U.S. 3, Colombia 0
June 28: U.S. 2, Colombia 0
v-July 4: U.S. 3, Haiti 0
v-July 7: U.S. 5, Jamaica 0
v-July 11: U.S. 1, Mexico 0
v-July 14: U.S. 3, Costa Rica 0
Sept. 3: vs. Nigeria, 1 p.m.
Sept. 6: vs. Nigeria, 6 p.m.
s-SheBelieves Cup
v-CONCACAF W Championship

U.S. MEN'S SCHEDULE (5-2-3)
q-Jan. 27: U.S. 1, El Salvador 0
q-Jan. 30: Canada 2, U.S. 0
q-Feb. 2: U.S. 3, Honduras 0
q-March 24: Mexico 0, U.S. 0
q-March 27: U.S. 5, Panama 1
q-March 30: Costa Rica 2, U.S. 0
June 1: U.S. 3, Morocco 0
June 5: U.S. 0, Uruguay 0
n-June 10: U.S. 5, Grenada 0
n-June 14: U.S. 1, El Salvador 1
Sept. 23: exhibition TBA

n-Nationas Cup
q-CONCACAF World Cup qualifying
w-FIFA World Cup, Qatar

CYCLING

109TH TOUR DE FRANCE Friday's 13th Stage, a 192.6-km (119-mile) Le Bourg d'Oisans—Saint-Étienne
STAGE 13 RESULTS *time behind leader
1. Mads Pedersen, Denmark 4:13:03.
2. Fred Wright, Great Britain 4:13:03.
3. Hugo Houle, Canada 4:13:03.
4. Stefan Küng, Switzerland :30*.
5. Matteo Jorgenson, U.S. :32*.
6. Filippo Ganna, Italy :32*.
7. Wout van Aert, Belgium 5:45*.
8. Florian Sénéchal, France 5:45*.
9. Luca Mozzato, Italy 5:45*.
10. Andrea Pasqualon, Italy 5:45*.
Also
38. Sepp Kuss, U.S. 5:45*.
49. Joe Dombrowski, U.S. 5:58*.
62. Neilson Powless, U.S. 5:58*.
55. Matteo Jorgenson, U.S. 19:40*.
78. Brandon McNulty, U.S. 6:11*.
114. Quinn Simmons, U.S. 13:13*.

OVERALL STANDINGS
1. Jonas Vingegaard, Denmark 50:47:34*.
2. Tadej Pogacar, Slovenia 2:22*.
3. Geraint Thomas, Great Britain 2:26*.
4. Romain Bardet, France 2:35*.
5. Adam Yates, Great Britain 3:44*.
6. Nairo Quintana, Colombia 3:58*.
7. David Gaudu, France 4:07*.
8. Thomas Pidcock, Great Britain 7:39*.
9. Enric Mas, Spain 9:32*.
10. Aleksandr Vlasov, Russia 10:06*.
Also
17. Sepp Kuss, U.S. 24:55*.
18. Neilson Powless, U.S. 27:29*.
30. Brandon McNulty, U.S. 56:33*.
31. Matteo Jorgenson, U.S. 57:11*.
52. Joe Dombrowski, U.S. 1:23:28*.
101. Quinn Simmons, U.S. 2:06:41*.

YOUNG RIDERS STANDINGS
1. Tadej Pogacar, Slovenia 50:49:56*.
2. Thomas Pidcock, Great Britain 5:17*.
3. Brandon McNulty, U.S. 54:11.
4. Matteo Jorgenson, U.S. 54:49*.
5. Andreas Leknessund, Norway 1:04:33*.
6. Kevin Geniets, Luxembourg 1:14:32*.
7. Michael Storer, Australia 1:17:41*.
8. Georg Zimmermann, Germany 1:20:28*.
9. Fred Wright, Great Britain 1:33:43*.
10. Matis Louvel, France 1:53:30*.
Also
12. Quinn Simmons, U.S. 2:04:19*.

MOUNTAIN STANDINGS PTS.
1. Simon Geschke, Germany 43.
2. Louis Meintjies, South Africa 39.
3. Jonas Vingegaard, Denmark 36.
4. Giulio Ciccone, Italy 35.
5. Pierre Latour, France 35.
6. Neilson Powless, U.S. 35.
7. Thomas Pidcock, Great Britain 28.
8. Anthony Perez, France 26.
9. Tadej Pogacar, Slovenia 26.
10. Chris Froome, Great Britain 22.

UPCOMING STAGES

Saturday Stage 14: Saint-Etienne—Mende, hilly, 192.5 (119)

Sunday, Stage 15: Rodez—Carcas-sonne, flat, 202.5 (125)

Monday: res day

Tuesday Stage 16: Carcassonne—Foix, hilly, 178.5 (110)

Wednesday Stage 17: Saint Gaudens—Peyragudes, mountain, 129.7 (80)

July 21—Stage 18: Lourdes—Hautacam, mountain, 143.2 (89)

July 22—Stage 19: Castelnau—Magnoac-Cahors, flat 188.3 (117)

July 23—Stage 20: La Capelle—Marival-Rocamadour, individual time-trial, 40.7 (25)

WNBA

EAST	W	L	Pct	GB
Chicago	18	6	.750	—
Connecticut	15	8	.652	2½
Washington	15	11	.577	4
Atlanta	10	13	.435	7½
New York	9	15	.375	9
Indiana	5	21	.192	14
WEST	W	L	Pct	GB
Las Vegas	17	7	.708	—
Seattle	16	8	.667	1
Dallas	11	13	.458	6
Phoenix	11	15	.423	7
Los Angeles	10	14	.417	7
Minnesota	10	16	.385	8

FRIDAY'S RESULTS
Minnesota 87, Indiana 77
Connecticut at Atlanta, late

SATURDAY'S GAME
Chicago at Dallas, 8p.m.

SUNDAY'S GAMES
Las Vegas at Connecticut, 1p.m.
Minnesota at Washington, 3p.m.
Atlantat at Phoenix, 6p.m.
Indiana at Seattle, 6p.m.

TUESDAY'S GAMES
New York at Connecticut, 11:30a.m.
Atlanta at Las Vegas, 10p.m.
Indiana at Los Angeles, 10:30p.m

THURSDAY'S RESULTS
Las Vegas 108, New York 74
Dallas 92, Minnesota 87
Phoenix 80, Washington 75
Chicago 80, Los Angeles 68

NBA SUMMER LEAGUE

NBA 2K23 SUMMER LEAGUE Thomas & Mack, Cox Pavilion, Las Vegas Friday's results
L.A. Clippers 82, Utah 65
Philadelphia 97, Denver 71
Oklahoma City 90, Golden State 82
Sacramento vs. Phoenix, late
Indiana vs. Washington, late
Miami vs. Toronto, late
L.A. Lakers vs. New Orleans, late

Saturday's games
Atlanta at Cleveland, noon
Orlando at Detroit, 1p.m.
Charlotte at Minnesota, 2p.m.
Memphis at San Antonio, 4p.m.
Philadelphia at Chicago, 4p.m.
Brooklyn at Boston, 5p.m.
Houston at Sacramento, 6p.m.
L.A. Lakers at Dallas, 7p.m.
Miami at L.A. Clippers, 8p.m.

Thursday, July 14
Boston 108, Memphis 91
Atlanta 87, San Antonio 86
Cleveland 82, Detroit 79
Chicago 89, Charlotte 73
New York 102, Orlando 89
Milwaukee 100, Dallas 89
Portland 85, Houston 77
Brooklyn 102, Minnesota 83

NFL PRESEASON

HALL OF FAME GAME THURSDAY, AUG. 4
Jacksonville vs. Las Vegas, 8 p.m.

WEEK 1 THURSDAY, AUG. 11
N.Y. Giants at New England, 7 p.m.
Tennessee at Baltimore, 7:30 p.m.

FRIDAY, AUG. 12
Atlanta at Detroit, 6 p.m.
Cleveland at Jacksonville, 7 p.m.
Arizona at Cincinnati, 7:30 p.m.
N.Y. Jets at Philadelphia, 7:30 p.m.
Green Bay at San Francisco, 8 p.m.

SATURDAY, AUG. 13
Kansas City at Chicago, 1 p.m.
Carolina at Washington, 1 p.m.
Indianapolis at Buffalo, 4 p.m.
Seattle at Pittsburgh, 7 p.m.
Miami at Tampa Bay, 7:30 p.m.
New Orleans at Houston, 8 p.m.
Dallas at Denver, 9 p.m.
L.A. Rams at L.A. Chargers, 10 p.m.

SUNDAY, AUG. 14
Minnesota at Las Vegas, 4:25 p.m.

WEEK 2 THURSDAY, AUG. 18
Chicago at Seattle, 8 p.m.
FRIDAY, AUG. 19
Carolina at New England, 7 p.m.
New Orleans at Green Bay, 8 p.m.
Houston at L.A. Rams, 10 p.m.

SATURDAY, AUG. 20
Denver at Buffalo, 1 p.m.
Detroit at Indianapolis, 1 p.m.
Washington at Kansas City, 4 p.m.
Pittsburgh at Jacksonville, 7 p.m.
Las Vegas at Miami, 7 p.m.
San Francisco at Minnesota, 7 p.m.
Tampa Bay at Tennessee, 7 p.m.
Dallas at L.A. Chargers, 10 p.m.

SUNDAY, AUG. 21
Philadelphia at Cleveland, 1 p.m.
Cincinnati at N.Y. Giants, 7 p.m.
Baltimore at Arizona, 8 p.m.
MONDAY, AUG. 22
Atlanta at N.Y. Jets, 8 p.m.

TENNIS

ATP HALL OF FAME OPEN At International Tennis Hall of Fame, Newport, R.I., outdoors-grass
MEN'S SINGLES, QUARTERFINALS
#3Alexander Bublik d.
#6Andy Murray, 7-5, 6-4.
#8James Duckworth vs. Jason Kubler, late

WTA HUNGARIAN GRAND PRIZ At Europe Tennis Center, Budapest, Hungary, outdoors, Red clay
WOMEN'S SINGLES, QUARTERFINALS
#9Anna Bondar d.

#2Martina Trevisan, 6-4, 6-1.
#3Yulia Putintseva d.
Lesia Tsurenko, 6-0, 2-0, ret.
Aleksandra Krunic d.
Wang Xiyu, 6-0, 6-1.
Bernarda Pera d.
Elisabetta Cocciaretto, 6-4, 6-3.

ATP NORDEA OPEN At Bastad Tennis Stadium, Bastad, Sweden, outdoors, Red clay
MEN'S SINGLES, QUARTERFINALS
#2Andrey Rublev d.
Laslo Dere, 75-6-4.
#8Sebastian Baerz d.
Dominic Thiem, 6-2, 6-7(5), 6-4.
#5Pablo Carreno Busta d.
#3Diego Schwartzman, 6-1, 6-0.
Francisco Cerundolo d.
Aslan Karatsev, 7-5, 6-1.

WTA LADIES OPEN LAUSANNE At Stade-Lausanne Tennis Club, Lausanne, Switzerland, outdoor, Red clay
WOMEN'S SINGLES, QUARTERFINALS
Petra Martić d.
#2Belinda Bencic, 6-3, 7-6(2).
#6Caroline Garcia d.

#4Sara Sorribes Tormo, 6-4, 6-1.
Anastasia Potapova d.
Jule Niemeier, 6-4, 6-2.
Olga Danilovic d.
Simona Waltert, 6-4, 4-6, 7-6(5).

ODDS

MLB NATIONAL LEAGUE	SATURDAY
FAVORITE	LINE UNDERDOG Line
at St. Louis	-168 Cincinnati +142
NY Mets (G1)	-165 at Chi. Cubs +140
at Colorado	-152 Pittsburgh +128
Atlanta	-255 at Wash. +210
at Miami	Off Philadelphia Off
Milwaukee	-130 at San Fran. +110
at Chi. Cubs (G2)	Off NY Mets Off
at San Diego	-174 Arizona +146
AMERICAN LEAGUE	
at Minnesota	-142 Chi. White Sox +120
at Toronto	Off Kansas City +120
Seattle	-158 at Texas +134
at Tampa Bay	Off Baltimore Off
at Cleveland	-174 Detroit +146
at Houston	-200 Oakland +168
at NY Yankees	-164 Boston +138
INTERLEAGUE	
LA Dodgers	-190 at LA Angels +160

For the latest odds, go to FanDuel Sportsbook, <https://sportsbook.fanduel.com/>

GOLF

150TH OPEN CHAMPIONSHIPS 2nd of 4 rounds, Old Course, St Andrews, United Kingdom, U.K., 7,313 yards; Par 72
Cameron Smith 67-64-131 -13
Cameron Young 64-69-133 -11
Viktor Hovland 68-66-134 -10
Rory McIlroy 66-68-134 -10
Dustin Johnson 68-67-135 -9
Tyrrell Hatton 70-66-136 -8
Scottie Scheffler 68-68-136 -8
Patrick Cantlay 70-67-137 -7
Talor Gooch 68-69-137 -7
Adam Scott 72-65-137 -7
Sahithi Theegala 69-68-137 -7
Barclay Brown 68-70-138 -6
Matt Fitzpatrick 72-66-138 -6
Lucas Herbert 70-68-138 -6
Sadom Kaewkanjana 71-67-138 -6
Si Woo Kim 69-69-138 -6
Min Woo Lee 69-69-138 -6
Abraham Ancer 71-68-139 -5
David Carey 72-67-139 -5
Thomas Detry 70-69-139 -5
Yuto Katsuragawa 71-68-139 -5
Xander Schauffele 69-70-139 -5
Lee Westwood 68-71-139 -5
Aaron Wise 72-67-139 -5
Nicolai Hojgaard 73-67-140 -4
Brad Kennedy 68-72-140 -4
Joohyung Kim 69-71-140 -4
Thriston Lawrence 69-71-140 -4
Shane Lowry 72-68-140 -4
Victor Perez 71-69-140 -4
Jon Rahm 73-67-140 -4
Patrick Reed 72-68-140 -4
Jordan Spieth 71-69-140 -4
Harold Varner III 73-67-140 -4
Will Zalatoris 73-67-140 -4
Sam Burns 72-69-141 -3
Filippo Celli 74-67-141 -3
Tommy Fleetwood 72-69-141 -3
Dylan Frittelli 70-71-141 -3
Sergio Garcia 75-66-141 -3
Brian Harman 73-68-141 -3
Garrick Higgo 72-69-141 -3
Kurt Kitayama 68-73-141 -3
David Law 72-69-141 -3
Ian Poulter 69-72-141 -3
Laurie Canter 72-70-142 -2
Corey Connors 71-71-142 -2
Russell Henley 70-72-142 -2
Billy Horschel 73-69-142 -2
Jason Kokrak 72-70-142 -2
Thomas Pieters 75-67-142 -2
Justin Thomas 72-70-142 -2
Cameron Tringale 71-71-142 -2
Danny Willett 69-73-142 -2
Marcus Armitage 71-72-143 -1
Paul Casey 71-72-143 -1
Bryson DeChambeau 69-74-143 -1
Chris Kirk 75-68-143 -1
Hideki Matsuyama 71-72-143 -1
Adrian Meronk 75-68-143 -1
Joaquin Niemann 69-74-143 -1
John Parry 69-74-143 -1
Anthony Quayle 74-69-143 -1
Jamie Rutherford 73-70-143 -1
Jason Scrivener 72-71-143 -1
Adri Arnaus 74-70-144 E
Sam Bairstow 72-72-144 E
Christiaan Bezuidenhout73-71-144 E
Dean Burmester 71-73-144 E
Wyndham Clark 71-73-144 E
Justin De Los Santos 71-73-144 E
Robert Dinwiddie 67-77-144 E
Tony Finau 73-71-144 E
Sungjae Im 71-73-144 E
Aaron Jarvis 75-69-144 E
Kevin Kisner 70-74-144 E
Robert Macintyre 70-74-144 E
Richard Mansell 73-71-144 E
Francesco Molinari 71-73-144 E
Trey Mullinax 73-71-144 E
Sebastian Munoz 73-71-144 E
Jordan L. Smith 73-71-144 E
Lars Van Meijel 74-70-144 E
Missed Cut
Ben Campbell 74-71-145 +1
Ernie Donaldson 76-69-145 +1
Jamie Els 70-75-145 +1
Justin Harding 74-71-145 +1
Max Homa 73-72-145 +1
Takumi Kanaya 74-71-145 +1
Zander Lombard 77-68-145 +1
Keith Mitchell 76-69-145 +1
Collin Morikawa 72-73-145 +1
Nico Oosthuizen 71-74-145 +1
Webb Simpson 71-74-145 +1
Henrik Stenson 75-70-145 +1
Scott Vincent 69-76-145 +1
Brandon Wu 71-74-145 +1
Alexander Bjork 75-71-146 +2
Richard Bland 78-68-146 +2
Ryan Fox 71-75-146 +2
Matthew Griffin 74-72-146 +2
Emiliano Grillo 78-68-146 +2
Chan Kim 74-72-146 +2
Kyoung-Hoon Lee 69-77-146 +2
J.T. Poston 73-73-146 +2
Keegan Bradley 76-71-147 +3
John Catlin 74-73-147 +3
John Daly 73-74-147 +3
Matt Ford 71-76-147 +3
Padraig Harrington 69-78-147 +3
Zach Johnson 72-75-147 +3
Guido Migliozzi 73-74-147 +3
Keita Nakajima 72-75-147 +3
Shaun Norris 74-73-147 +3
Aaron Rai 75-72-147 +3

DOW GREAT LAKES BAY INVITATIONAL 3rd of 4 rounds, Midland CC, Midland, Mich., 6,277 yards; Par: 70
L.Salas/J.Kupcho 68-61-64-193 -17
M.Castren/K.Tan 69-61-67-197 -13
H.Kang/T.Chan 68-62-69-199 -11
P.Roussin/D.Weber 65-61-73-199 -11
E.Szokol/C.Knight 72-62-66-200 -10
M.Alex/K.Webb 69-62-69-200 -10
N.Yoh/A.Kim 69-62-69-200 -10
H.Choi/N.An 69-65-67-201 -9
K.Davidson/D.Darquea 71-63-67-201 -9
L.Stephenson/J.Hollis 66-66-69-201 -9
P.Phillium/P.Yoktuan 66-64-71-201 -9
S.Lewis/M.Fassi 69-65-67-201 -9
S.Popov/A.Van Dam 70-61-70-201 -9
M.Urbye/S.Smith 74-59-69-202 -8
P.Reto/A.Lewis 69-63-70-202 -8
S.Kemp/A.Sharp 69-61-72-202 -8
W.Meechai/R.Liu 70-64-68-202 -8
M.Sagstrom/A.Sorenstam65-66-72-203-7
N.Korda/J.Korda 69-63-71-203 -7
P.Anannurukarn/A.Ashok72-62-69-203-7
Y.Liu/P.Chien 68-65-70-203 -7
B.Matthews/L.Hartlage 71-62-71-204 -6
F.Kinhult/L.Johansson 68-66-70-204 -6
L.Coughlin/S.Vilauhi 70-64-70-204 -6
R.Rohanna/Virgili/H.Harford71-64-69-204-6
S.Schmelzel/M.LebLANC 71-62-71-204 -6
X.Lin/P.Delacour 69-66-69-204 -6
C.Kerr/S.Meadow 69-65-71-205 -5
A.Olson/K.Kirk 68-67-71-206 -4
C.Danielson/L.Kim 71-64-71-206 -4
E.Talley/J.Ewart Shadoff66-64-76-206-4
A.Yin/Y.Hong 71-64-72-207 -3
M.Szeryk/K.McPherson69-64-74-207-3
R.Ree/J.Chang 73-62-72-207 -3
S.Parks/A.Uwadia 69-65-73-207 -3
S.Schubert/A.Doherty 72-61-74-207 -3
M.Metkalf/C.Herbin 70-62-76-208 E
M.Stackhouse/S.Michaels72-62-76-210-2
M.Martin/V.Hurst 69-66-76-211 +1

LATE THURSDAY: BARRACUDA CHAMPIONSHIP 1st of 4 rounds, Tahoe M. Club-Old Greenwood, Truckee, Calif., 7,518 yards; Par: 72; Stableford Scoring Format
Mark Hubbard 13
Charles Hoffman 13
Brice Garnett 12
Sean Crocker 12
Maverick McNealy 11

NATIONAL SPORTS REPORT

SHORTS

Griner had doctor’s note for cannabis



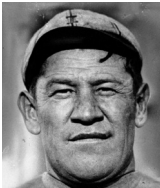
A lawyer for WNBA star Brittney Griner at her drug possession trial in Russia on Friday gave the court a U.S. doctor’s letter recommending she use medical cannabis to treat pain. Griner, a two-time Olympic gold medalist and standout for the Phoenix Mercury, was arrested at Moscow’s Sheremetyevo Airport in February after customs officials said they found vape canisters containing cannabis oil in her luggage. She faces up to 10 years in prison if convicted on charges of transporting drugs. In court last week, Griner pleaded guilty and acknowledged possessing the canisters but said she had no criminal intent and said they were in her luggage because she packed hastily in her return to Russia to play for the UMMC Ekaterinburg basketball team during the WNBA’s offseason. Since that plea, her court sessions have focused on in-person and written testimony to her good character and athletic prowess. “The attending physician gave Brittney recommendations for the use of medical cannabis,” said her lawyer, Maria Blagovolina. “The permission was issued on behalf of the Arizona Department of Health.” Medical marijuana is not legal in Russia.

Chiefs’ Brown to play on franchise tag



The Chiefs and Pro Bowl left tackle Orlando Brown Jr. failed to reach a long-term deal before Friday’s deadline, leaving the blindside protector for quarterback Patrick Mahomes playing on the franchise tag this season. The Chiefs had been optimistic that they could sign Brown, whom they acquired from the Ravens for a package of draft picks prior to last season, to a long-term contract. But negotiations were slowed initially as Brown settled on representation, and then it became increasingly clear as time ran out that the sides remained far apart. The Chiefs made a final pitch of six years and nearly \$140 million, with \$30.25 million guaranteed at signing, which would have made Brown one of the league’s highest-paid left tackles. The question facing the Chiefs now is whether Brown will report to training camp next week. The Chiefs placed the franchise tag on the 26-year-old tackle, which means he would play next season for \$16.7 million whenever he decides to sign the contract tender. But until that happens, Brown can skip training camp without risking any sort of fine.

Thorpe’s 1912 golds reinstated



Jim Thorpe has been reinstated as the sole winner of the 1912 Olympic pentathlon and decathlon in Stockholm — nearly 110 years after being stripped of those gold medals for violations of strict amateurism rules of the time. The International Olympic Committee announced the change on the 110th anniversary of Thorpe winning the decathlon and later being proclaimed by King Gustav V of Sweden as “the greatest athlete in the world.” Thorpe, a Native American, returned to a ticker-tape parade in New York, but months later it was discovered he had been paid to play minor league baseball over two summers, an infringement of the Olympic amateurism rules. He was stripped of his gold medals in what was described as the first major international sports scandal. Thorpe to some remains the greatest all-around athlete ever. He was voted as the AP’s Athlete of the Half Century in a poll in 1950. In 1982 — 29 years after Thorpe’s death — the IOC gave duplicate gold medals to his family but his Olympic records were not reinstated, nor was his status as the sole gold medalist of the two events. AP



Mets pitcher Max Scherzer says he misses hitting, like he used to for the Nationals in a 2016 game. HUNTER MARTIN/GETTY

BASEBALL

New day for pitchers

Scherzer misses batting with full-time DH in NL

By Howard Fendrich
Associated Press

Max Scherzer misses hitting. He misses pitching to pitchers. And yet the Mets right-hander is just fine with the full-time addition of the designated hitter to the National League as of this season, nearly 50 years after the American League adopted it. “The biggest benefit,” the three-time Cy Young Award winner said, “is that the sport is under one set of rules.” So now all Major League Baseball games, regardless of location, include a DH in the lineup. The ballot for Sunday’s All-Star Game at Dodger Stadium included a DH for the NL (reigning MVP Bryce Harper of the Phillies led the voting for that spot but is out with a broken left thumb and will be replaced by William Contreras of the World Series champion Braves). And scoring is up in the NL in 2022. “In the future, you might be able to do some type of realignment, because everyone has the same rules,” Scherzer said. “I don’t know what it would look like, but you have more possibilities to do that.” Adding the DH should increase offense by putting a real batter in the lineup. It also changes a manager’s job by eliminating some of the decisions about pinch-hitting, double-switching, etc. “I’ve thought about it a few times: ‘When’s the pitcher coming up?’ ” Diamondbacks skipper Torey Lovullo

said early in the season. Runs per game for NL teams were at 4.5 through June this season, an increase from 4.31 through June in 2021 (although still down from 4.78 in 2019). Over that same portion of each year from 2017-21 (minus the pandemic-shortened 2020), pitchers for NL teams combined to produce a .154 batting average, .152 slugging percentage and .306 OPS with per-season average league-wide totals of 7.6 homers and 79.2 RBIs. Compare that to the NL DH stats this year: .241 average, .408 slugging, .728 OPS, 159 homers and 567 RBIs. “We don’t really think about it anymore. It’s just part of the game now,” Harper said. “The DH is here and I don’t think it’s going anywhere anytime soon.” Scherzer said he was hoping for additional tweaks to the way the DH works — he called it the “double-hook DH.” Here’s how that would work: Either the player in the batting order as the DH would need to leave the game when his team’s starting pitcher gets removed or if the starting pitcher made a qualifying start by some measure — going five innings, say, or lasting 100 pitches — then his team would get to keep using its DH for the full game. “If you connect the DH and the starting pitcher together, it would help promote keeping the starter in longer,” said Scherzer, who is 6-1 with a 2.15 ERA this season. “I feel like the game is using the starting pitcher less and less, and I think that’s just a problem from an aesthetic standpoint.” Here are some perspectives on having the DH in the NL:

Slugger who would rather not DH “If I DH too much, I don’t want to be labeled something that I’m not. Personally, my favorite thing to do is to be out there in the field. I love playing first base. I feel like I can best contribute to the team by being out there. I’m young, I’m healthy, I’m fit, so I want to be out there as much as possible. When I’m older — if I’m still playing at 38, let’s say — yeah, sure, I’ll take a few extra DH days.” — *Pete Alonso, Mets.*

Player who likes having the option “I grew up liking the National League style of the game. I really enjoyed seeing the pitcher hit and everything that went into the game with that. But this year, of course, it’s turned a little bit for me — being able to DH while (I was) hurt (earlier) really helped me out and helped my team out.” — *Harper, able to bat when he couldn’t play the outfield because of an injured elbow.*

Veteran DH now with NL club “It’s good for players: It will lengthen careers. It’s good for the game, I guess, because fans want to see hitters hit. And it protects pitchers, too, so they don’t have to hit or run the bases.” — *Nelson Cruz, Nationals.*

Pitcher won enjoyed hitting “I enjoyed the grind of having to get in the cage to hit. I didn’t look at it as a problem. ... I didn’t want to view myself as a pitcher trying to hit. No, my run means just as much as your run, so I’m going to run the bases the way you run the bases.” — *Scherzer.*

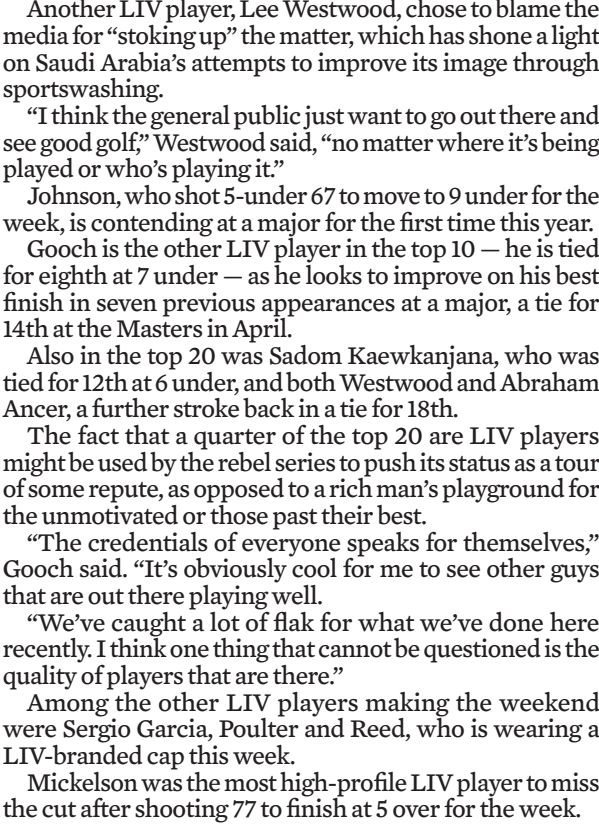
AP’s Josh Dubow contributed.

BRITISH OPEN

Golf’s breakaway bunch have turned into a band of brothers

By Steve Douglas
Associated Press

ST. ANDREWS, Scotland — Golf’s breakaway bunch have turned, it seems, into a band of brothers. The rebels who have created a major rift in the world of golf by defecting to the Saudi-funded LIV series are working together for a common cause at the British Open this week. “Everybody, it feels like, is against us,” said Talor Gooch, one of the 24 LIV golfers playing at St. Andrews. “And that’s OK. It’s kind of banded us together, I think.” That 24 has been whittled down to an 11-strong group who will play the weekend at the home of golf. Five were sitting in the top 20 after the second round Friday. Two were in the top 10. One, possibly the biggest fish in LIV’s pool in Dustin Johnson, is in fifth place and four shots off the lead. There remains a distinct possibility — much to the chagrin of the R&A, no doubt — that a player from the LIV tour could be lifting the claret jug on Sunday evening. The prospect was put to Martin Slumbers, the R&A chief executive, on the eve of the event and he said he would “welcome them onto the 18th green.” Yet minutes earlier, Slumbers had delivered a withering verdict on the breakaway tour, describing it as a money grab that threatens golf’s merit-based culture cultivated over centuries. Such has been the R&A’s desire to stop the LIV saga from disrupting the 150th British Open that the tour’s CEO, Greg Norman, was told to not attend the pre-tournament dinner at St. Andrews for past champions. Norman is a two-winner winner. Phil Mickelson, the 2013 champion and now a LIV player, also didn’t attend the dinner, saying the R&A told him the club didn’t think it was a good idea he went. LIV players weren’t put up for official pre-tournament media duties, either. But the story is casting something of a shadow over the event. There have been noticeable jeers for Ian Poulter, another of the defectors, as he hit his opening tee shots in both of his rounds — even if he claimed to not have heard them. Random barbs have been heard from the galleries about the enormous sums of money taken by players to leave both the PGA Tour and the European tour. Johnson said he has been able to put any negativity and criticism to one side. “I don’t read. I don’t look at it,” the former No. 1 said. “It doesn’t bother me because, obviously, everyone has their own opinion and I have mine, and the only one I care about is mine.” Another LIV player, Lee Westwood, chose to blame the media for “stoking up” the matter, which has shone a light on Saudi Arabia’s attempts to improve its image through sportswashing. “I think the general public just want to go out there and see good golf,” Westwood said, “no matter where it’s being played or who’s playing it.” Johnson, who shot 5-under 67 to move to 9 under for the week, is contending at a major for the first time this year. Gooch is the other LIV player in the top 10 — he is tied for eighth at 7 under — as he looks to improve on his best finish in seven previous appearances at a major, a tie for 14th at the Masters in April. Also in the top 20 was Sadom Kaewkanjana, who was tied for 12th at 6 under, and both Westwood and Abraham Ancer, a further stroke back in a tie for 18th. The fact that a quarter of the top 20 are LIV players might be used by the rebel series to push its status as a tour of some repute, as opposed to a rich man’s playground for the unmotivated or those past their best. “The credentials of everyone speaks for themselves,” Gooch said. “It’s obviously cool for me to see other guys that are out there playing well. “We’ve caught a lot of flak for what we’ve done here recently. I think one thing that cannot be questioned is the quality of players that are there.” Among the other LIV players making the weekend were Sergio Garcia, Poulter and Reed, who is wearing a LIV-branded cap this week. Mickelson was the most high-profile LIV player to miss the cut after shooting 77 to finish at 5 over for the week.



Talor Gooch, right, waits on the 16th tee during his second round at the British Open on Friday. ANDY BUCHANAN/GETTY

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Rivian Automotive's all-electric pickup truck, the R1T. Cars & Bids lists 14 recent sales of the R1T for prices that ranged from \$106,000 to \$138,000. RIVIAN AUTOMOTIVE INC.

Flipping cars like houses

With EV demand high, owners are selling and turning a profit

By Ronald D. White
Los Angeles Times

Dennis Wang lost money on his first try, but then he learned from his mistakes. On his second effort as an electric vehicle flipper, Wang made \$4,000. On his third, he hit what he considered the sweet spot, a \$7,000 profit. All the deals involved Teslas that Wang bought and resold, flipping them like tickets to a hot concert.

“I have a Model S currently that I’m probably going to sell within another three months, pending the market,” Wang said. “I also have another Model Y and a Model X on order.”

Buying and reselling stuff is as old as commerce itself, complete with cautionary tales and questionable legality. House flipping has become so alluring that multiple reality TV shows hype the process and personalities involved.

Now a new breed of flipper has emerged, hoping zero emissions equal big profits. Helping them is an unusual confluence of factors plaguing EV manufacturers (supply chain problems, semiconductor shortages, unmet production goals, an emerging

scarcity of lithium batteries) as well as car shoppers (record fuel prices, high used car prices, long waiting lists for electric vehicles).

Some like Wang, a 33-year-old automotive buff with mad spreadsheet skills, have learned that they can flip cars, with a recent emphasis on electric vehicles. Some EV flippers are finding buyers willing to pay sometimes exorbitant sums, tens of thousands more than the retail price, to acquire the vehicles.

Consider the person trying to sell a practically new 2022 Hummer EV1 for \$220,000 on Facebook. It had been retailing for less than half of that, at \$105,000. Also on Facebook are two 2022 Rivian R1T electric adventure vehicles listed for \$123,000 and \$220,000. On the Rivian website, the same vehicle starts at \$67,500. Buyers on Cars & Bids, an online auction site, could find them listed for \$97,000 and \$103,000. Although the more outrageous asks for double to triple the value of some EVs are either ignored or severely flamed online, some less lofty listings are having success.



Tesla CEO Elon Musk beside the Model Y in March 2019 at its unveiling in Hawthorne, California. FREDERIC J. BROWN/GETTY

Cars & Bids, for example, lists 14 recent sales of the R1T, between April 12 and June 28, for prices that ranged from \$106,000 to \$138,000.

In June, Tesla raised the price of its Model Y by 5%, to \$65,990, but that hasn’t stopped the flippers. A Model Y with less than 2,800 miles was recently up for sale on Edmunds for \$70,995. Edmunds considered that a “good price,” at \$1,739 “below market,” as in what the market says such a car is worth.

Eddie Gribust, who makes a living outfitting Mercedes-Benz Sprinter vans for off-grid use, recently unloaded the Tesla Model Y he’d used as the family car for nine months.

Gribust was so excited about the sale that he posted a YouTube video: “Flipping my Tesla for \$5,000 profit! Here’s How.” “Since my business is

buying and selling these Sprinters, I’m aware of things like the microchip shortage,” Gribust said. “And everybody has been talking about how the secondary market especially has grown 20 to 30%.”

“I was about to order a [Tesla] Model X and the Cyber Truck. The delivery times were nine months to a year, and that would obviously signal high demand, and therefore, low supply. From there, it was taking advantage of simple economics.”

Former Securities and Exchange Commission Chief Economist Larry Harris teaches that exact lesson to students at University of Southern California’s Marshall School of Business.

“When supply and demand are not in alignment, you get these opportunities where clever people can take advantage,”

Harris said. “We’ve seen this in all kinds of markets. When prices change significantly for scarce goods, some buyers realize that the item has a greater value to others than it does to them, and they will sell to the people willing to pay more than they would, and profit from it.”

Or, as Gribust put it in his video, after expressing regret about giving up the Tesla, “I have a simple rule: If somebody places profit in your hand, all you have to do is close that hand and walk away.”

Recurrent, which tracks the used EV market, noted in its most recent market evaluation that 2021 used EVs “make up a surprising 17.5% of inventory.”

The Seattle startup found that used EVs had climbed 25% in price since March 2021. On average, it said, a 2021 Mustang Mach E was selling for 60% more than it was last year. Citing what it called “the new normal, inflated prices are here to stay,” Recurrent said that the used EV sales trend was skewed heavily toward the most recent model years available.

“Anecdotally, we’ve heard of many owners who sold pretty new cars to dealers and made back more than their purchase price, and the numbers show this makes sense,” Recurrent said. “Reselling

a barely-owned car works differently for different cars. In terms of Teslas, the price of new vehicles increased so much last year, and waiting periods are so long for new vehicles, that the value of used cars skyrocketed.”

If you’ve got a relatively new EV, Recurrent’s advice is to jump into the game now.

“If you are an EV owner or a dealer, now is as good a time as any to list a used EV. Since we speculate that prices will not change much in the coming months, by holding on to your car, you risk higher inventory flooding the market.”

If you’re one of the many hoping to obtain an EV, “it may not pay to wait for prices to come down,” Recurrent said.

The restrictions on flipping an EV depend on where you live.

In the U.S., several states limit how many cars — EV or not — a person can buy and resell in a year before needing a vehicle dealer license, which in California requires taking an online course, passing a DMV-administered test, paying fees and meeting other requirements. The states are trying to protect consumers from car thieves and unscrupulous sellers and protect auto dealers from street-level competition.

Detroit aims to improve neighborhoods by targeting old industry sites

By Corey Williams
Associated Press

One of the first things 84-year-old Mahalie Wilson sees when she steps out of her home on Detroit’s east side is the brick, steel and concrete skeleton of the long-vacant Packard plant that looms over the neighborhood.

Built in the early 1900s and still churning out cars into the 1950s, the complex that was once one of the city’s industrial jewels is

now one of the nation’s foremost examples of urban blight — a reminder of Detroit’s better days.

“I deal with it,” Wilson, who’s lived within shouting distance of the plant since 1969, said recently.

Like the Packard plant, many factories in Detroit were located close to workers’ homes. As the buildings faded and became blighted, so did Wilson’s neighborhood and others in the city.

“For me, it’s absolutely clear — older industrial

sites closed due to white flight,” said Andre Perry, a fellow in the Metropolitan Policy Program at the Washington-based Brookings Institution.

“In many cases, Black people moved in because of the lower property values, hoping that some development comes their way,” he added. “When development dollars are needed to go to Black spaces, it’s hard to come by.”

If Mayor Mike Duggan has his way, parts of the

3.5 million-square-foot, 40-acre Packard plant complex will be demolished by year’s end. Other portions will be redeveloped. It’s among 100 large structures the city has identified to be torn down or renovated.

“This is emblematic of the industrial challenges we have,” said Antoine Bryant, Detroit’s planning and development director. The easiest solution would be to demolish, he said, but “how can we add to the



The exterior of the Packard plant on Detroit’s east side is pictured June 30. CARLOS OSORIO/AP

city instead of just taking away?”

Bryant pointed to a \$134 million plan to redevelop

the six-story former Fisher Body 21 auto plant into more than 400 apartments and retail space.



The 2023 Cadillac Lyriq's excellence is evident in its design and execution. **CADILLAC**

AUTO REVIEW

2023 Lyriq EV is a welcome return to form for Cadillac

By **Larry Printz**
Tribune News Service

It's hard to remember exactly when Cadillac last lived up to its old advertising tagline, "The Standard of the World." It was once more than a slogan; it was true.

Certainly, Cadillac sells some excellent rides. But the company has long struggled to regain its former luxury market dominance. It's a crowded and competitive field, and Cadillac executives have marked the brand's transition to an all-electric lineup for its reemergence. This makes the Lyriq their most important product in years, and the first true Cadillac since the debut of the second-generation CTS sedan, coupe and wagon in 2003.

Nearly identical to the concept vehicle that spawned it, the Lyriq's look is fresh and modern, particularly its fascia, which uses a unique lighting design that includes vertical LED front lights and a subtle Cadillac heritage grille shape. The overall body has short front and rear overhangs, and its standard 20-inch wheels give it a proper stance, while the tautly drawn sheet metal looks both refined and modern. The sloping rear of the vehicle is a little busy, but its light-

2023 Cadillac Lyriq

Base price: \$62,990
Powertrain: Permanent magnet electric motor
Horsepower/Torque: 340/325 pound-feet
EPA fuel economy: Not available
Length/Width/Height: 196.7/77.8/63.9 inches
Curb weight: 5,610 pounds
Cargo capacity: 28-60.8 cubic feet
Towing capacity: 3,500 pounds

ing is distinctly Cadillac.

As with most battery electric vehicles, the Lyriq is built using a skateboard-style platform that places the batteries and driveline between the frame rails and below the floor, allowing for a spacious cabin thanks to the lack of a transmission tunnel down the center of the cabin. (Electric vehicles have motors at each axle, there's no need for one.)

The interior detailing is impressive, with design details that distinguish this car from past Cadillacs. Unlike other Caddies, there are no interior — or exterior — components shared with any other GM vehicle. There are lots of knurled knobs and flat touch surfaces that activate different vehicle functions. But they must be physically pushed; you

can't activate them by casually brushing against them.

The driver faces a custom 22-inch LED display that houses the instrument cluster and the infotainment system, which runs on Google's new automotive operating system, as well as wireless Apple CarPlay and Android Auto, a Wi-Fi hotspot, Qi wireless charging and an impressive AKG sound system. It all worked flawlessly and quickly.

When it came time to drive, the Lyriq feels faster than GM's estimates, thanks to its EV driveline. Like other EVs, all of the torque is available instantly, endowing it with a sense of speed off the line. The Lyriq's battery pack endows it with a low center of gravity that undoubtedly improves its handling thanks to its adaptive suspension. And it's incredibly quiet, an ambience enhanced by loads of sound deadening, insulated side glass and active noise cancellation.

The Lyriq is a sure-fire hit, with an impeccable design, world-class engineering and a refined demeanor you would expect of a luxury SUV. In fact, the 2023 Cadillac Lyriq is so good, you might be tempted to call it The Standard of the World.



Windshield washer fluids are different for cold and warm climates. **DREAMSTIME**

Make sure that washer fluid doesn't freeze in cold climes



Bob Weber
Motormouth

Q: One more item to add to your list of things to do to prepare a car for use in a cold state like South Dakota. Make sure the windshield washer fluid isn't plain water or diluted washer fluid. Had that happen to me once. Bought a used car from a dealer that had water in the fluid tank, which froze once the weather got cold. It was a real nuisance until it warmed up enough and I could drain and refill the tank. Even then, I had to squirt the washers several times to get the water out of the hoses that connected the tank to the washers.

— J.Y., Minneapolis
A: Good advice. Did you know that despite being blue, windshield washer fluids are different for cold and warm climates? Many fluids for warm climates are formulated to be safe to freezing: 32 degrees. In

cold climates it is formulated to minus 20 degrees. Any Vegas fluid in the jug may freeze in Sturgis.

Q: You have stated that you do not need high-octane fuel unless you have a car with a high compression engine. How do you know if it is a high compression engine? I have a 2016 VW Tiguan and the manufacturer recommends high-octane fuel. Can I use regular gas instead? If I do, will it decrease the performance of the vehicle? Based on current gas prices, I would love to be able to use regular.

— S.L., St. Paul, Minnesota
A: I believe your engine's compression ratio is 10:1, which is on the high end of typical ratios. Many engines also have pressure boosters (turbochargers or superchargers) that require high-octane fuel. Using a lower octane fuel will significantly reduce power and performance, but many motorists will trade down to save money.

Q: I recently took my 2011 GMC Acadia in to have a headlight replaced. I

remember when I was a kid when a headlight blew out, you raised the hood, pulled the old bulb out, got a new bulb and popped it in. Cost about a buck for the bulb. I was a bit astonished to learn that they had to take off the bumper to replace a bulb now. Cost was just a couple of bucks shy of \$600. Is this really the norm now?

— E.W., La Grange Highlands, Illinois
A: I am afraid it is becoming the norm. I had to replace the washer fluid level sensor in my Ram pickup. I removed the grille to remove the washer bottle so I could get to the sensor on the back of the jug. It took a lot of time to replace a \$5 sensor.

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SATURDAY






SUNRISE NOON SUNSET

Variable cloudiness and seasonable. South wind at 5 to 10 mph.

HIGH 85°
LOW 67°

SUNDAY






SUNRISE NOON SUNSET

Partly sunny and very warm. chance for a late day shower or a thunderstorm. Moderately humid.

HIGH 88°
LOW 69°

MONDAY






SUNRISE NOON SUNSET

Considerable cloudiness, humid, chance for a few showers and thunderstorms.

HIGH 84°
LOW 70°

TUESDAY






SUNRISE NOON SUNSET

Chance for a morning shower, partly sunny, hot and humid.

HIGH 91°
LOW 72°

WEDNESDAY







SUNRISE NOON SUNSET

Partly sunny, hot and humid.

HIGH 96°
LOW 72°

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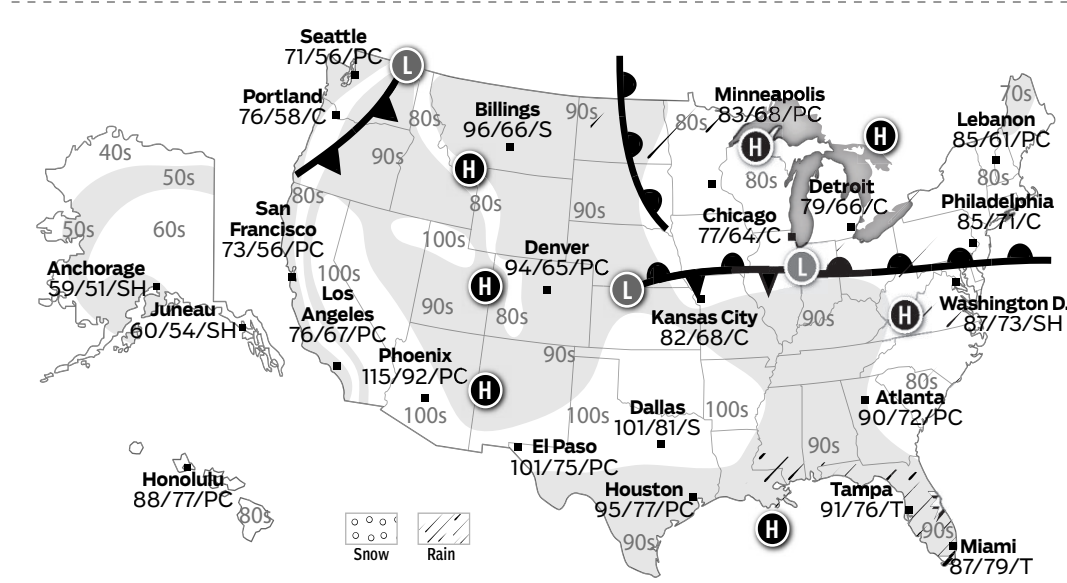
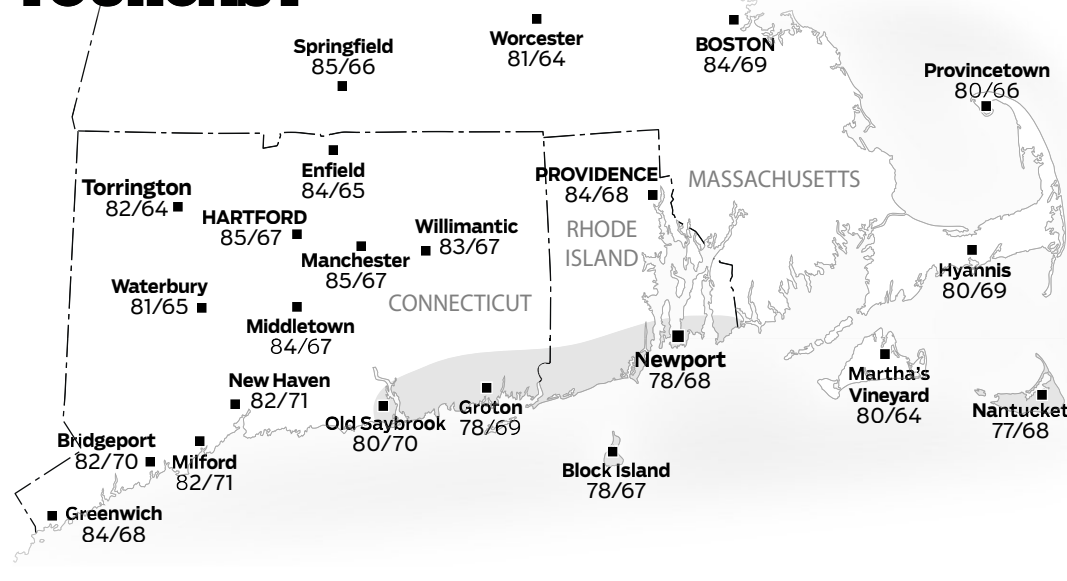
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Temperatures are today's highs and tonight's lows .



OUTLOOK

The oppressive heat and humidity that has gripped the Plains and the Midwest over the last month or so has made brief appearances in Connecticut this summer, but it has only been with the heat and not oppressive humidity. It appears that could change starting the middle of next week with the first heat wave of 2022, sometime between Tuesday and next Sunday. For this weekend, nothing extreme, just variable cloudiness on Saturday with highs mainly in the 80s and comfortable humidity levels, then more humid conditions on Sunday.

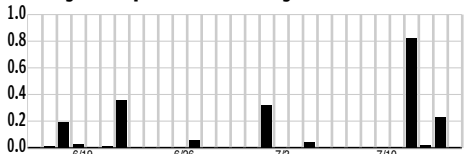
-Gary Lessor

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Precipitation In Inches	Total	Normal
Yesterday (by 7 p.m.)	0.00	0.31
Month to date	1.43	1.88
Total this year	21.60	24.05

Precipitation, temperature at Windsor Locks





30-day Precipitation History In Inches



Air Quality Forecast For Today

Good 50	High 7	Moderate 86°
Air Quality Today	Ultraviolet index Today	Pollen Count Yesterday
Heat Index Today		

	Today	Tomorrow
Sunrise	5:30 a.m.	5:31 a.m.
Sunset	8:24 p.m.	8:23 p.m.
Moonrise	10:53 p.m.	11:19 p.m.
Moonset	8:43 a.m.	9:59 a.m.

Moon Phase			
			
Last July 20	New July 28	First Aug 5	Full Aug 11

Tides	High	Low	Temp.
N.L. State Pier	a.m. 12:13 p.m.	6:23 a.m. 6:38 p.m.	74°
Saybrook Jetty	12:49 a.m. 1:24 p.m.	7:16 a.m. 7:31 p.m.	75°
Connecticut River at Portland	3:32 a.m. 4:07 p.m.	11:02 a.m. 11:17 p.m.	
Madison	1:13 a.m. 1:48 p.m.	7:23 a.m. 7:54 p.m.	75°
New Haven	1:33 a.m. 2:08 p.m.	7:57 a.m. 8:18 p.m.	75°
Stamford	1:37 a.m. 2:12 p.m.	8:11 a.m. 8:32 p.m.	74°

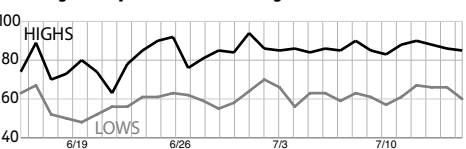
River Stage at Hartford: 3.08 feet at 6:30 p.m.

Boating Weather	L.I. Sound W VCloudy	L.I. Sound E VCloudy	B.I. Sound VCloudy
Wind	SE, 5-10	SE, 5-10	SE, 5-10
Seas	1 ft.	1 ft.	1-3 ft.

Temperature	High	Low
Friday	85 at 3:20 p.m.	60 at 4:58 a.m.
Normal for date	86	64
Record for date	100 in 1995	52 in 1950
A year ago	89	67
Range this year	94	-2

Cooling Degree Days	Season	Normal	Last Season
For Jan 1 - July 15	384	334	384

30-day Temperature History



Atmosphere	High	Low
Barometer	30.14 at 2 p.m.	30.06 at 12 a.m.
Dew point	61° at 1 p.m.	55° at 5 a.m.

AROUND THE WORLD

Today's forecast in cities not included in the maps above:

NEW ENGLAND Bangor 83 60 PC Burlington 84 63 PC Caribou 81 58 PC Concord 85 62 PC Montpelier 80 56 PC Mt. Wash. 54 48 PC Portland 81 65 PC Woods Hole 76 67 PC NATION Albany 85 65 PC Albuquerque 98 73 PC Atlantic City 80 69 C Baltimore 83 70 C Bismarck 88 66 SH Boise 99 65 S Buffalo 83 65 PC Charleston 89 74 PC Cincinnati 88 73 PC Cleveland 77 67 SH Indianapolis 84 69 PC Jacksonville 89 73 C Las Vegas 110 89 PC Miami Beach 85 81 T Milwaukee 73 63 C Nashville 94 73 PC New Orleans 92 78 T New York 85 73 PC Oklahoma City 101 76 S Omaha 81 65 C Orlando 90 74 T Pittsburgh 77 68 SH Raleigh 87 71 SH St. Louis 93 73 PC Salt Lake City 99 77 S San Antonio 97 76 PC San Diego 75 68 PC San Juan 89 79 SH Tucson 108 81 S WORLD Amsterdam 71 52 PC Athens 94 78 S Bangkok 83 75 SH Barbados 88 75 PC Beijing 83 76 S Beirut 73 51 SH Berlin 83 77 S Budapest 86 64 PC Buenos Aires 53 41 SH Cairo 97 71 S Cancun 90 76 PC Dubai 104 89 PC Dublin 74 61 C Edinburgh 74 59 PC Helsinki 62 54 SH Hong Kong 86 78 SH Istanbul 86 69 S Jerusalem 81 64 S Johannesburg 65 39 S Kingston 89 74 SH Lisbon 89 65 S London 82 60 PC Madrid 104 76 S Mexico City 72 52 SH Milan 96 76 S Montreal 81 67 S Moscow 74 55 PC Nassau 86 81 SH New Delhi 99 84 SH Paris 86 62 S Prague 75 49 PC Rio de Janeiro 83 71 PC Rome 92 68 S Seoul 83 70 SH Singapore 91 79 SH Stockholm 62 53 PC Sydney 68 50 S Tel Aviv 87 72 S Tokyo 86 74 SH Toronto 79 67 S Vancouver 71 58 PC Warsaw 71 51 SH
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NASCAR

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about it. For me, it's a lot of confidence. Because it's one thing yourself that you can do it if you're in the right opportunity over the last four, five years. A lot of it, sometimes feels fabricated, whether it's to yourself, whether your beliefs are to be able to drive a race car, you start to question if you can do that. If you're ever going to get the chance that we had on Sunday afternoon to win a Cup race."

LaJoie led 19 laps in Atlanta, a modest total for most star drivers, but consider, he's now led 46 his entire

Cup career. Is he a one-weekend wonder or can LaJoie — buried in 31st in the points standings — race for a win Sunday at New Hampshire Motor Speedway? Well, his average finish is 29.6 in seven career starts. LaJoie, who has spent years trying to find a competitive race team to prove he can contend in elite equipment, now has to hope the near-miss in Atlanta was a springboard toward that first win and not just one more lost opportunity he won't sniff again.

"I think the biggest feeling I took away over the weekend was just confidence in the fact that I can do it and Spire is capable of doing it, on occasion," LaJoie said.

On occasion. Not exactly a ringing endorsement for a race team that lucked into one rain-shortened win in 2019 but otherwise has six top-10 finishes in 182 starts. LaJoie conceded his No. 7 Chevrolet team needed a flawless race most weekends just to finish inside the top 20.

"When we have all the air in the tires, and tires in the car and the steering works and the oil lines don't get frayed and have holes in them or water lines, we finish in the top 20," LaJoie said. "For us as a team to finish in the top 20, if you don't have issues, is like a pretty big deal. You're beating a handful of teams that you never should be."

British Open at a glance

LEADING: Cameron Smith shot an 8-under 64 for a two-shot lead.
TRAILING: First-round leader Cameron Young shot 69.
LURKING: Rory McIlroy (68) and Viktor Hovland (66) were three back.
LEAVING: Tiger Woods had rounds of 78-75 to miss the cut for the second straight time at St. Andrews. He was given an emotional sendoff because Woods isn't sure he'll be playing when the Open returns to the home of golf.
LEAVING WITHOUT FANFARE: Phil Mickelson missed the cut for the third straight time in the British Open.
SHOT OF THE DAY: Viktor Hovland holed out from 139 yards for eagle on the 15th hole.
PUTT OF THE DAY: Cameron Smith holed a 65-foot eagle putt on the 14th hole.
KEY STATISTIC: Louis Oosthuizen became the only player to not make the cut in any of the four majors this year.

plays without fear. He opened with three straight birdies and then began to pull away around the loop at the far end of the course.

He holed an 18-foot putt on No. 7, made birdie from 30 feet on the par-3 eighth and then drove the 10th green and two-putted from some 90 feet for a third birdie in four holes.

The big blow came at the par-5 14th when Smith buried the long eagle putt. He looked as though he'd just rolled in a short one for par. That's his game. That's his style.

"I don't get too excited nor too angry. I like to stay in the middle there," he said. "A lot of people say that it's boring to watch. But that's just how I go about my golf."

On the other end is McIlroy, among the most dynamic players from his generation. With four majors early in his career and always a promise for more, he is seen as one of the better candidates to fill at least some of the void when Woods isn't around.

That explains the tee times. The R&A was trying to get it close to the right time that Woods and McIlroy would cross paths — Woods going one way toward the 18th, McIlroy the other way heading down the first. That's about how it played out.

McIlroy looked over and tipped his cap to Woods.

"Everyone hopes it's not the end of his Old Course career," McIlroy said.

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leg held together by hardware or a lower spine that has been fused will allow him to compete when the Open returns to St. Andrews again.

"It's very emotional for me," he said. "To me it felt like this might have been my last British Open here at St. Andrews. And the fans, the ovation and the warmth, it was an unbelievable feeling."

About the time Woods was saluting thousands of fans crammed into so many spaces around St. Andrews, Smith was making birdie after birdie to take the lead. Right when it looked like it couldn't get any better, he holed a 65-foot eagle putt on the 14th hole.

Young overcame a few mistakes and closed with a birdie for a 69, putting him in the last group with Smith going into the weekend.

McIlroy got one of the loudest cheers — for a shot, not a farewell — with his 25-foot birdie on the tough Road Hole at the 17th. He missed a birdie chance on the 18th. Still, it was important for him to back up a great start (66) with a solid round (69).

He was tied with Viktor Hovland, who delivered his own thrills by holing out from 139 yards for eagle on the par-4 15th hole and finishing with a birdie for a 66.

Smith was at 13-under 131, the lowest 36-hole score in the Open at St. Andrews.

Even a weekend without Woods is set up for great theater.

Dustin Johnson, who already has a Masters green jacket and a U.S. Open title at Oakmont, played early in the best conditions of the week — light rain that took some of the fire out of the Old Course and then a warming sun — for a 67. He was four shots back. Right behind was Masters champion Scottie Scheffler with another 68.

Smith is building a reputation as a great putter, a great weapon to have on the greens at St. Andrews, and he

LOCAL BASEBALL

AMERICAN LEAGUE

THURSDAY'S LATE RESULT

Zone 6

WILLIMANTIC 7, TRI-TOWN 0

Note: Gavin Covell had 3hits, 3RBI and Parker Woodmansee and AJ Rooks each had 2hits for Willimantic. Nolan Klimkiewicz tossed 4shutout innings for the win.

SATURDAY'S SCHEDULE

CT Legion Tournament—First Round Northern Bracket

Pod A: Windsor Locks/Windsor at West Hartford, 1p.m.; Danielson at Ellington, 1p.m.

Pod B: Torrington at Norwich, 11a.m.; Tri-Town at Middletown, 1p.m.

Pod C: Enfield at Waterford, 1p.m.; Tri-County at Bristol, 1p.m.

Pod D: Northeast at Willimantic, 1p.m.; Simsbury at RCP Post, 1p.m.

Southern Bracket

Pod E: Ridgefield at Hamden, 1p.m.; Milford at Greenwich, 1p.m.

Pod F: Glastonbury at Stamford, 1p.m.; Westport at Madison, 1p.m.

Pod G: Moosup at West Haven, 1p.m.; Branford at Trumbull, 1p.m.

Pod D: EHM at Danbury, 1p.m.; Fairfield at North Haven, 1p.m.

CONNECTICUT TWILIGHT LEAGUE

FRIDAY'S RESULTS

ROCKIES AT KNIGHTS, LATE

ANGELS AT KNIGHTS, LATE

PATRIOTS AT AFTERSHOCK, LATE

MONDAY'S SCHEDULE

Rock Cats at Dodgers, 6p.m.

Orioles at Patriots, 6p.m.

Black Sox at Angels, 6:30p.m.

GREATER HARTFORD TWILIGHT LEAGUE

THURSDAY'S LATE RESULTS

GREENERS 7, COLTS 6

ORIOLES 5, GRAPHICS 0

PEOPLES 5, PHILLIES 4

FRIDAY'S RESULTS

CARDINALS AT GREENERS, LATE

COLTS AT GRAPHICS, LATE

ORIOLES AT JETS, LATE

SUNDAY'S SCHEDULE

Jets at Cardinals, 5p.m.

Colts at Graphics, 5p.m.

People's at Phillies, 5p.m.

PETE KOKINIS BASEBALL LEAGUE

THURSDAY'S LATE RESULTS

19u

AHERN WHALEN-MIDDLETOWN 3, PLAINVILLE DEVILS 1

COPPERHEADS-TORRINGTON 5, SOUTHTON HITMEN 3

FRIDAY'S RESULTS

19u

ROCKY HILL 7, NEW BRITAIN PARKS AND REC 0

FARMINGTON AT COPPERHEADS-TORRINGTON, LATE

16u

COPPERHEADS-TORRINGTON AT WEST HARTFORD THUNDER, LATE

14u

FARMINGTON AT CT BULLDOGS-WETHERSFIELD, LATE

SATURDAY'S SCHEDULE

19u: Aherh Whalen-Middletown at Farmington (2), 11a.m.; Plainville Devils at Southington Hitmen, 1p.m.

16u: Nor'Easters-Newington at West Hartford Thunder, 1p.m.; Copperheads-Torrington at Aherh Whalen-Middletown, 3p.m.

14u: CT Bulldogs-Wethersfield at Aherh Whalen-Middletown, noon

EASTERN LEAGUE					
Standings					
Northeast					
Somerset	W	L	PCT	GB	
Hartford	51	33	.607	—	
Portland	41	43	.488	11	
Reading	38	46	.452	14	
New Hampshire	37	47	.440	15	
Binghamton	32	52	.381	20	
Southwest					
Erie	W	L	PCT	GB	
Richmond	48	35	.578	—	
Akron	46	38	.548	2.5	
Altoona	44	39	.530	4	
Bowie	42	42	.500	6.5	
Harrisburg	37	47	.440	11.5	
	35	49	.417	13.5	

THURSDAY'S LATE RESULTS

HARTFORD 9, HARRISBURG 4

ALTOONA 8, RICHMOND 3

BINGHAMTON 6, ERIE 1

NEW HAMPSHIRE 7, READING 5

BOWIE 9-2, AKRON 1-0

FRIDAY'S SCHEDULE

HARRISBURG AT HARTFORD, LATE

SOMERSET AT PORTLAND, LATE

RICHMOND AT ALTOONA, LATE

BINGHAMTON AT ERIE, LATE

NEW HAMPSHIRE AT READING, LATE

AKRON AT BOWIE, LATE

SATURDAY'S SCHEDULE

Harrisburg at Hartford, 6p.m.

Somerset at Portland, 6p.m.

Richmond at Altoona, 6p.m.

Binghamton at Erie, 6p.m.

Akron at Bowie, 6:30p.m.

New Hampshire at Reading, 6:45p.m.

WNBA					
Standings					
Eastern		W	L	PCT	GB
Chicago		18	6	.750	—
Connecticut		15	8	.652	2.5
Washington		15	11	.577	4
Atlanta		10	13	.435	7.5
New York		9	15	.375	9
Indiana		5	20	.200	13.5
Western		W	L	PCT	GB
Las Vegas		17	7	.708	—
Seattle		16	8	.667	1
Dallas		11	13	.458	6
Phoenix		11	15	.423	7
Los Angeles		10	14	.417	7
Minnesota		9	16	.360	8.5

THURSDAY'S LATE RESULTS

DALLAS 92, MINNESOTA 87

PHOENIX 80, WASHINGTON 75

CHICAGO 80, LOS ANGELES 68

FRIDAY'S RESULTS

CONNECTICUT AT ATLANTA, LATE

MINNESOTA AT INDIANA, LATE

SATURDAY'S SCHEDULE

Chicago at Dallas, 8p.m.

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Shrimp and grits recipe is best ever

By Daniel Neman
St. Louis Post-Dispatch

Excuse me for a minute while I suck up to my boss.

Not long ago, my editor mentioned in passing that her favorite thing to eat is shrimp and grits. Suddenly, and for reasons as mysterious as they are inexplicable, I was struck by a consuming desire to write about shrimp and grits.

Fortunately, as with practically everyone who has ever had it, I happen to like shrimp and grits. I still remember the first time I tried it: It was at a little neighborhood bistro in Richmond, Virginia, perhaps 30 years ago. Despite living only a few hours from South Carolina, where the dish originated and was popularized, I had not even heard of it at the time.

I was instantly intrigued. Soft, creamy grits topped with highly spiced, perfectly prepared shrimp? It sounded amazing. And it was. It was one of those dishes that you know you are going to be ordering for the rest of your life.

I don't recall ever trying to cook it before. But for the sake of my editor, I decided to make the best, richest and creamiest shrimp and grits that I possibly could.

And then I walked back that idea. I had initially planned to use heavy whipping cream in the grits, but no one needs that many calories in their lives. Half-and-half will be fine, I thought.

It was more than fine. It was spectacular. Frankly, the heavy cream would only have gilded the lily.

Making shrimp and grits is a two-part process. Part one is the grits. Part two, as you have already deduced, is the shrimp.

Usually, grits are made just by pouring hominy (treated cornmeal) into boiling water and cooking it until the corn has absorbed the liquid and becomes soft and palatable.

But soft and palatable is not good enough for the shrimp and grits I wanted to make. I wanted my grits to have oomph, to have pizzazz. I wanted them so good that it would be an insult to call them grits.

I began with stone-ground grits, which are to grits what whole-grain flour is to all-purpose flour. It includes the outer part of the kernel, the part that gets stuck in your teeth when you eat popcorn.

This process gives the grits more texture, but that is less important than the fact that it also gives them a richer taste of corn.

More significantly, I did not boil them in water. Good cooks know that grains always taste better when they are cooked in a flavorful stock, so I used chicken broth for half of my cooking liquid. The other half was half-and-half.

That's the part that could have been heavy cream, but let's not be ridiculous. The half-and-half made the grits rich and creamy enough, especially once I stirred in some sharp cheddar cheese.

The grits were remarkable on



Shrimp and grits topped with crispy bacon. HILLARY LEVIN/ST. LOUIS POST-DISPATCH

SHRIMP AND GRITS

Makes: 4 servings
2 ½ cups plus ¾ cup chicken stock, divided
2 ½ cups half-and-half
2 tablespoons butter
1 teaspoon salt
1 ½ teaspoons black pepper, divided
1 cup grits, preferably stone-ground
¾ cup shredded sharp cheddar cheese
2 slices thick-cut bacon, diced
⅓ cup green pepper, diced small
⅓ cup onion, diced small
½ cup celery, diced small
½ teaspoon celery salt
¼ teaspoon paprika
⅛ teaspoon cayenne pepper, or to taste
1 pound shrimp, shelled and

their own, but they are only half a dish. I wanted the other half, the shrimp half, to be as good as the grits.

Naturally, I started with bacon. I rendered a couple of slices of diced, thick-cut bacon and used the bacon fat to cook minced onion, celery and green pepper. Yes, that is a New Orleans combi-

deveined
1 tablespoon vegetable oil
2 tablespoons all-purpose flour
1. In a large saucepan over high heat, combine 2 ½ cups of the chicken stock and the half-and-half. Add butter, salt and 1 teaspoon pepper, and bring to a boil. Stir in grits and return to a boil. Lower heat to a gentle simmer and cook 40 to 50 minutes until done, stirring frequently. Scrape bottom of pot when stirring to keep grits from sticking. Grits are done when bubbles turn big, like volcanic magma or hot mud pools, or when they have the texture of wet mashed potatoes. Remove from heat. Add cheese and stir until thoroughly combined. Cover to keep warm.
2. Meanwhile, in a large skillet

over medium-high heat, cook bacon until crispy. Remove bacon pieces with a spoon and reserve, leaving bacon grease in pan. Add green pepper, onion and celery to the pan and sauté until onion is translucent, about 3 minutes.
3. Combine celery salt, paprika, cayenne and remaining ½ teaspoon black pepper in a small bowl, and sprinkle over the shrimp; toss until evenly coated. Add the shrimp and vegetable oil to pan and sauté until the shrimp is nearly pink and curled. Sprinkle with flour and cook, stirring constantly, for 2 minutes. Add remaining ¾ cup chicken stock and cook, stirring, until the liquid thickens.
4. To serve, spoon shrimp and sauce over grits, and top with reserved crispy bacon.

of tablespoons of flour, and stirred it to make a quick roux. All it needed then was more chicken stock to create a thick and ridiculously delicious sauce.

But don't just take my word for it. I gave some to my shrimp-and-grits-loving editor. She tasted it and, with a big smile on her face, said, "It's perfect."

ROASTED MIXED VEGETABLES

Makes: 2 to 3 servings
Total time: 45 minutes
For the vegetables: 8 cups vegetables (any combination of broccoli, zucchini, cherry tomatoes, Brussels sprouts, mushrooms), cut into 1-inch pieces (see note)
2 tablespoons extra-virgin olive oil, plus more for serving
1 ¼ teaspoons kosher salt (such as Diamond Crystal)
Freshly ground black pepper
4 fresh thyme sprigs or 1 teaspoon dried thyme (optional)

For the (optional) garlicky yogurt sauce: 1 cup whole-milk Greek yogurt
1 to 2 garlic cloves, finely grated or minced
1 tablespoon extra-virgin olive oil
Pinch each salt and freshly ground black pepper
1. Prepare the vegetables: Heat oven to 425 degrees. Add the vegetables to a rimmed sheet pan. Add 2 tablespoons oil, the salt, pepper and thyme (if using), and gently toss vegetables to coat. Use your hands to spread the vegetables out into one layer, spacing them evenly all over the pan.
2. Transfer to oven and roast until they are tender and browned, 30 to 40 minutes, stirring at least once during roasting for even cooking.
3. While vegetables roast, you can make yogurt sauce if you like: In a small bowl, combine yogurt, garlic, oil, salt and pepper. Taste and adjust seasoning. Cover and place in the refrigerator until ready to use.
4. Serve roasted vegetables with a dollop of garlic yogurt, if desired, and a drizzle of oil on top.
Note: If you'd like to use denser vegetables, use any combination of carrots, potatoes, sweet potatoes, turnips, butternut squash and cauliflower, cut into 1-inch chunks. Add an extra tablespoon of oil and extra ½ teaspoon of salt. Roast for 40 to 50 minutes. These vegetables take longer to cook and absorb more oil while roasting.
— *Recipe by Melissa Clark*

VEGETABLE TOFU CURRY

Makes: 2 to 4 servings
Total time: 20 minutes
2 broccoli heads, 8 ounces green beans or 2 cups frozen peas, or a combination
1 (14- to 16-ounce) container firm tofu
1 (13.5-ounce) can coconut milk
1 medium onion, chopped
Salt and pepper
1 tablespoon curry powder, plus more to taste
Cooked rice or other grains or noodles, for serving
Hot sauce, for serving (optional)
1. If using broccoli, trim the ends of the stems and discard, then cut the stems off near the base of the florets. Cut off the thick peel around the stems, then cut the stems into ½-inch slices. Cut the broccoli crowns into small florets. Drain the tofu and cut into 1-inch cubes.
2. Open the can of coconut milk and spoon off an inch or so of the hard white solid part into a large saucepan with a lid. (If the milk is all liquid, add a few spoonfuls.) Turn the heat to medium-high. When the solids melt, add the onion and broccoli stems, if using, and sprinkle with salt and pepper. Cook, uncovered, stirring occasionally, until the onion is translucent, 5 to 7 minutes. The coconut milk liquid should have evaporated, so the onions should be sizzling in coconut oil and the milk solids should be brown and smell toasty. Scrape up any bits sticking to the bottom.
3. Turn heat down to medium-low, add curry powder and stir until evenly mixed, about 10 seconds. Add remaining coconut milk, stir and bring to a simmer. Add the tofu and spread the cubes in an even layer, then top with the broccoli florets or other vegetables, sprinkle with salt and cover with the lid. Cook until the vegetables are just tender but still bright green, 5 to 7 minutes.
4. Gently stir so vegetables are also coated in sauce. Taste and stir in more curry powder, salt and pepper if you'd like. Serve hot over rice or other grains or noodles, with hot sauce if you want.
— *Recipe by Genevieve Ko*



Guacamole. JULIA GARTLAND/THE NEW YORK TIMES PHOTOS



Cheesy eggs and toast will hone your egg-cracking skills.



Lemony chicken with potatoes and oregano is an all-in-one dinner that will leave you feeling accomplished.

Cook up some CONFIDENCE

Beginner recipes that will help you master the kitchen

By **Nikita Richardson** | The New York Times

We all have to start somewhere. That's the inspiration behind this small but mighty collection of recipes for absolute beginners. We're talking can-hardly-boil-water beginners. Maybe you just graduated from college and are on your own for the first time, or perhaps you never quite got the hang of cooking.

Not to worry! These dishes — ranging from guacamole to oven-roasted chicken thighs with potatoes and lemons

— are a fantastic place to start. Because no one wakes up one day and can suddenly, say, run a marathon or, in this case, cook.
But anyone can make something good to eat. With a little help from columnists Melissa Clark, Genevieve Ko and Eric Kim, you'll become the cook you always wanted to be: a confident one.
Start with the recipes here. With practice, repetition and patience, you'll not only develop a set of skills that you can apply to other recipes, but you'll have some delicious dishes under your belt worth cooking on repeat.



Roasted vegetables can be mixed and matched according to your taste. Serve them with a dollop of garlic yogurt.



Vegetable tofu curry with a fragrant coconut sauce is a one-pot meal that is simple to pull off.

LEMONY CHICKEN WITH POTATOES AND OREGANO

Makes: 2 servings
Total time: 50 minutes
2 lemons
1 ¼ pounds bone-in, skin-on chicken thighs (2 to 3), patted dry with paper towels (see note)
1 ¼ pounds Yukon Gold potatoes, scrubbed, halved and cut into ½-inch wedges
1 ¾ teaspoons dried oregano, plus more for serving
1 ½ teaspoons kosher salt (such as Diamond Crystal), plus more for serving
¾ teaspoon freshly ground black

pepper
3 tablespoons extra-virgin olive oil
Mayonnaise, mustard, ketchup or hot sauce, for serving
1. Heat oven to 425 degrees and, if you like, line a sheet pan with parchment paper (not essential but helpful for cleaning up).
2. Trim the ends off 1 lemon, then cut lemon in half crosswise. Thinly slice one half of the lemon into rounds, then cut rounds into quarters, creating small triangles. Shake out seeds, then place lemon quarters into a large bowl. Save remaining lemon half for serving. Cut remaining whole lemon into wedges, for serving.
3. Add chicken and potatoes to the

large bowl with lemon quarters. Add the oregano, salt and pepper; toss well. (Your hands are the best tools here.) Drizzle in the oil and toss again.
4. Arrange chicken thighs skin side up on one half of the prepared sheet pan, and potatoes and lemons on the other, spreading the potatoes out into one layer. Roast for 20 minutes. Using a long-handled spoon, stir the potatoes, then spread them out again in one layer. (You don't have to touch the chicken.) Continue roasting until chicken and potatoes are cooked through and everything is golden and crisped, another 15 to 20 minutes (40 to 45 minutes total roasting time).

5. To serve, squeeze juice from lemon half all over chicken and potatoes, and give everything a good stir to incorporate all the tasty juices and browned bits at the bottom of pan. Sprinkle with more oregano and salt, and serve with additional lemon wedges and condiments on the side.
Note: You can substitute 1 ¼ pounds chicken drumsticks for the thighs, or use a combination of thighs and drumsticks. Bone-in, skin-on breasts can also be substituted; because they cook more quickly than dark meat does, you'll need to start checking on them after 30 minutes of total roasting time.
— *Recipe by Melissa Clark*

GUACAMOLE

Makes: 2 cups (4 appetizer servings)
Total time: 10 minutes
½ cup finely chopped white onion (from 1 small onion)
2 tablespoons fresh lime juice (from about 1 lime)
Salt and black pepper
1 jalapeño
2 ripe avocados
1. In a medium bowl, combine the onion and lime juice, and season with salt and pepper. Let that sit as you chop the jalapeño.
2. Cut the hard stem end off of the jalapeño and discard, then slice the chile in half lengthwise. If you don't want the spice, use your knife or a spoon to remove the inner seeds and white membrane (this is where most of the chile's heat resides). If you enjoy the heat, then leave all of that in. Chop the jalapeño as finely as you can and add to the bowl with the onion and lime juice. Be sure to wash your hands very well with soap after handling spicy chiles like jalapeños, and whatever you do, do not touch your eyes after handling them.
3. Cut the avocados in half lengthwise and pull the halves apart. You can use your knife to pit the avocados, but a safer way is to hold the avocado half in one hand so that your thumb is touching the skin side where the pit is and your index and middle fingers are touching the flesh side around the pit. Gently press your fingers into each other to pop the pit out; with a ripe avocado, it should come out very easily. Use your hands to squeeze the avocado flesh out into the bowl with the other ingredients, or scoop it out with a spoon.
4. Using a fork, gently mash the avocados against the side of the bowl until they are mashed to your desired consistency, then stir them into the other ingredients until well combined. Taste and add more salt if desired.
5. Contrary to popular belief, adding avocado pits to guacamole does nothing to prevent oxidation, but if you press a good layer of plastic wrap or parchment paper directly over the guacamole and store it in the refrigerator, it will keep well for up to 2 days.
— *Recipe by Eric Kim*

CHEESY EGGS ON TOAST

Makes: 1 serving
Total time: 10 minutes
2 large eggs
Salt and pepper
1 ½ tablespoons unsalted butter
1 slice bread
¼ cup shredded cheese (cheddar, Monterey Jack or a blend)
1. Crack the eggs into a bowl and sprinkle generously with salt and pepper. Beat with a fork until evenly yellow. Leave the bowl next to the stove while you make the toast.
2. In a small nonstick skillet, melt a thin slice of the butter over medium-low heat. Swipe the bread in the melted butter to soak it all up. Let sit until golden brown, 2 to 3 minutes. Add another thin slice of butter to the pan then flip the bread, swiping it in the newly melted butter until it's all soaked up. Turn the heat to the lowest setting and let the bread sit until lightly browned, 1 to 2 minutes. Transfer to a plate.
3. Add the remaining butter and the eggs and cook, stirring gently and constantly with a wooden spoon, until the butter melts and the eggs are half wet and half solid, 15 to 45 seconds. Turn off the heat, add the cheese and continue stirring until the mixture is creamy but no longer wet, about 30 to 45 seconds. Scrape onto the toast right away and enjoy.
— *Recipe by Genevieve Ko*

To understand Alsace whites, look to the past

These wines may be easy to enjoy, but they are hard to find around the nation

By Eric Asimov
The New York Times

I’ve been accused of reaching the age where I regularly refer to the past. It is true that I’m old enough to have built up a sizable store of memories and experiences. But I’ve been focused on the past all my life.

Not because I believe in some hazy golden age from which it’s been all downhill. That’s lazy and selfish. It’s because one cannot comprehend the present without at least trying to understand the past. That’s as true of wine as it is of politics, music or the economy.

I have been thinking about this as numerous readers explained how difficult it was for them to find any wines from Alsace, the region we have been examining over the last month. To understand why, you have to look backward.

Alsace wines in the 1980s were known as excellent values combining superb quality with moderate prices. The rieslings were considered dry contrasts to their generally sweet German counterparts, while among food-and-wine aficionados gewürztraminers were the go-to recommendation for Chinese food.

Back then, however, restaurants, wine merchants and wine writers at least made the effort to promote the virtues of Alsace wines. For a long time now, that has no longer been the case. What happened?

Several things, but most important: Alsace wines through the 1990s were becoming discernibly sweeter and more voluptuous. The region had always made sweet wines, but they were clearly labeled late harvest

(vendange tardive) or special selection (sélection de grains nobles). These newer wines were a problem because they were not labeled sweet. It was an unpleasant surprise to pour a wine you expected to be dry and find instead something sweet and unbalanced.

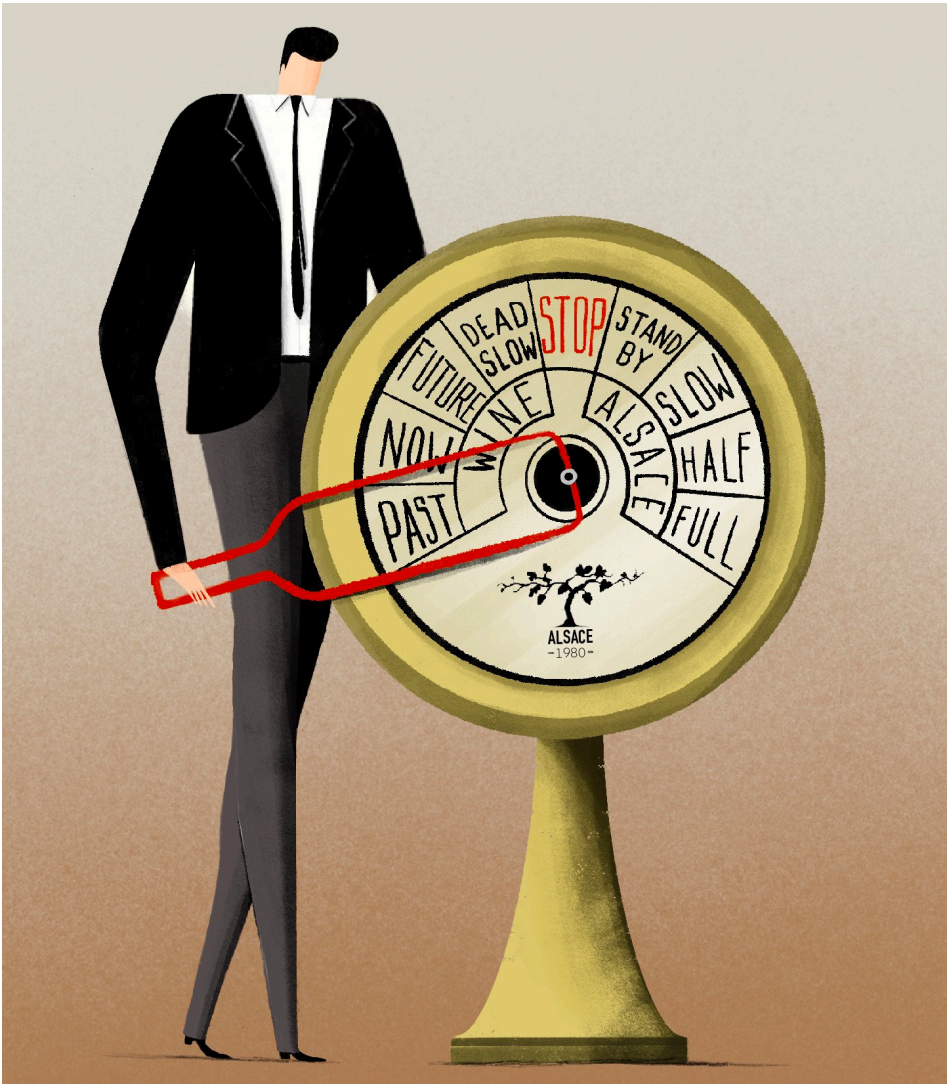
Explanations varied. Some said improved viticulture resulted in riper grapes that were naturally making sweet wines. Others said the wines were being tailored to the palates of American wine critics, who did give them high ratings. Climate change undoubtedly contributed. Whatever the reason, the wines of Alsace slipped from the American consciousness.

In the past decade, though, Alsace has gone a long way to rectify these issues. Some producers began to use a scale on their label to cue consumers to the level of sweetness. Others have made a greater effort to balance sweetness with lively acidity or to make dryer wines. But restaurants and wine merchants have not reembraced them, and they continue to be difficult to find.

Nonetheless, the wines of Alsace are distinctive and well worth getting to know. I hedged my bets by suggesting three bottles made with different grapes. They were: Trimbach Alsace Riesling 2019, Dirlinger-Cadé Alsace Sylvaner Vieilles Vignes 2020 and Albert Boxler Alsace Pinot Blanc Réserve 2018.

Now, you may wonder what this history has to do with these particular wines. Certainly, this background is not essential for enjoying them. But it adds to the understanding.

For example, through the turmoil over sweetness,



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Trimbach’s wines stayed resolutely dry and steely. This riesling was true to its lineage. It was pure and taut, with aromas of herbs and wet stones, bigger and richer than a Mosel riesling yet not at all heavy or ponderous. The French might call this “correct,” meaning it checks all the boxes for an entry-level, mainstream Alsace riesling.

The Dirlinger-Cadé sylvaner tells a different story. I love sylvaner, even when rendered silvaner, as it generally is in Germany. The wine is usually light and fragrant, gentle, shy and graceful. I think of it as wonderful for a spring or summer lunch.

Sylvaner follows the

general trajectory of Alsace wines in the United States. I used to see it more often in the 1980s and early ’90s. But the market disappeared.

“We used to sell a lot of sylvaner in the United States,” Pierre Trimbach, who oversees winemaking at Trimbach, told me when I visited in 2017. “Now? Not one bottle is shipped to the U.S.”

He suggested the reason was that so much bad sylvaner had gone to the United States that people were turned off to the grape. Too bad more people had not had a sylvaner like the Dirlinger-Cadé.

It smelled like a bouquet of spring flowers, yet it was

much richer and creamier than the sylvaners of my memory, possibly the result of stirring the lees, the yeast sediment, as the wine was aging, a not uncommon practice that can add texture and creaminess. On the palate it was fresh, with flavors of apples and chamomile. It was delicious, though maybe not a lunch wine at 14% alcohol.

Another reason sylvaner got a bad reputation was that the growers themselves did not take it seriously, treating it more like a workhorse rather than a grape worthy of care.

In a sense, it reminds me of aligoté in Burgundy, another grape that was thought to have little

potential until thoughtful growers started to take it more seriously and demonstrated how good it could be. Sylvaner is as important to the heritage of Alsace as aligoté is to Burgundy, so it is heartening to see such good versions.

Pinot blanc, another historic wine in Alsace, gets so little love that most of the time we have no idea what grape goes into the wine. Although pinot blanc is indeed a grape, Alsace wines called pinot blanc can be made entirely of auxerrois, a grape that is widely planted in the region, or in a blend with pinot blanc.

Why is this permitted in an area known for varietal labeling? One winemaker told me a few years ago that much of the pinot blanc in Alsace was from a clone developed for quantity rather than quality, so this was an effort to avoid insipid wines. This would assume that auxerrois is of better quality, but that’s not clear.

The Boxler, I believe, is made of two-thirds actual pinot blanc and one-third auxerrois. It had aromas of fresh apples, honeysuckle and beeswax, and was rich, though not as rich as the sylvaner. I found it a bit high in alcohol at 14.5%. The 2018 vintage was quite hot, and I thought of this perhaps as a climate change wine.

At least one reader agreed with me: “14.5% is just too high,” said Tracie Barnes of Denver.

All told, these were a good, if cursory, introduction to what Alsace has to offer, including the potential of the grapes and the terroirs, as well as the occasional confusion that continues to stymie consumers. If you get a chance, though, the top wines from each of these producers are worth pursuing to get a sense of the depth and complexity that you can find in these wines.

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Fried zucchini is perfect summer appetizer

By **Jesse Szewczyk**
TheKitchn.com

I love zucchini in any and all forms — whether that’s grilled, added to soups and stews, shredded or even served raw.

But my absolute favorite way to enjoy zucchini is when it’s breaded and fried into crisp, golden-brown batons.

There’s just something about the crunchy outside contrasting against the tender zucchini center that can’t be beat. Dunk them into your favorite sauce, and you have the perfect summer appetizer.

This is my go-to method for making fried zucchini. It produces impossibly crisp spears that just about anyone would love.

They’re perfectly golden, light and just the thing to kick off a summer soiree.

Should I salt zucchini before frying?

Yes, you should always salt your zucchini before frying, especially if you’re aiming to achieve a crispy texture. Salting your zucchini helps remove the excess moisture stuck in the zucchini that would otherwise make frying a challenge. To do so, place your cut zucchini in a colander nestled inside of a bowl. Sprinkle the zucchini with one teaspoon of salt and give it a toss. Let the zucchini drain for one hour and discard any liquid that accumulates in the bowl. After that, you’re ready to fry!

How do you keep fried zucchini from getting soggy?

Salting your zucchini is the most important step in preventing it from getting soggy. Additionally, make sure your pan is properly preheated before frying the breaded zucchini. Adding the zucchini to a cold pan will make it come out oily and soft rather than crisp and golden.



Zucchini with an impossibly crispy, crunchy exterior without deep-frying? Yes, please. **JOE LINGEMAN/THEKITCHN.COM**

FRIED ZUCCHINI

Makes: 4 to 5 servings
2 medium zucchini, about 1 ½ pounds
1 ¼ teaspoons kosher salt, divided
1 medium lemon
1 cup all-purpose flour
½ teaspoon paprika
½ teaspoon freshly ground black pepper
2 large eggs
2 cups panko breadcrumbs
4 tablespoons olive oil, divided
Flaky salt, for serving (optional)
Dipping sauce, such as garlic aioli or remoulade (optional)
1. Trim the stems off of 2 medium zucchini and slice them in half

crosswise. Cut the zucchini lengthwise into planks about ½-inch thick. Working with two of the stacked planks at a time, cut crosswise into ½-inch-wide batons. Repeat with the remaining zucchini planks.

2. Place the zucchini batons in a colander placed inside of a bowl. Sprinkle with ¾ teaspoon kosher salt and toss to evenly distribute. Let the zucchini sit uncovered at room temperature for 1 hour, stirring occasionally. Meanwhile cut 1 medium lemon into wedges.

3. In a large, shallow bowl, combine 1 cup all-purpose flour, ½ teaspoon paprika, ½ teaspoon black pepper

and remaining ½ teaspoon kosher salt. Whisk 2 large eggs with a fork in a second large, shallow bowl until broken up with no streaks of egg white. Place 2 cups panko breadcrumbs in a third large, shallow bowl.

4. Transfer the zucchini onto a paper towel-lined plate and pat dry. Discard the water collected at the bottom of the bowl.

5. Working with a few pieces of zucchini at a time, dredge in the flour mixture. Then, working with 1 piece at a time, shake off excess flour and dredge in the eggs, then the breadcrumb mixture, gently pressing the breadcrumbs into the zucchini so

they stick. Place in a single layer on a large plate or baking sheet.

6. Heat 2 tablespoons olive oil in a 10-inch or larger nonstick skillet over medium heat until shimmering. Add half of the breaded zucchini in a single layer and cook, flipping 2 or 3 times depending on the shape of the batons, until lightly browned on all sides, 2 to 3 ½ minutes per side. Transfer the zucchini onto a paper towel-lined plate. Wipe down the pan if needed, then add the remaining 2 tablespoons olive oil and repeat cooking the remaining zucchini.

7. Serve immediately with lemon wedges, flaky salt and your favorite dipping sauce (if using).

A good rule of thumb is to preheat your pan for a full minute before frying your first batch. Once your zucchini is in the pan, let it cook undisturbed and try your best to avoid moving it

too much before flipping.

Tips for making the best fried zucchini

Before you head into the kitchen to fry zucchini, keep these tips in mind:

■ **Don’t overcrowd the pan.** When frying the zucchini, make sure there is at least ½ inch of space between each spear. This will help the zucchini brown evenly and become perfectly crisp.

■ **Let the zucchini drain on a paper towel after frying.** This will remove the excess oil and ensure the zucchini turns out nice and crisp. ■ **Serve them with fresh lemon juice and a flourish**

of flaky sea salt. The pop of acidity brightens everything up while the additional salt creates that fried-and-salty combination that is impossible to resist.



For this loaf, strawberries are macerated with sugar first to remove some of their liquid. **CON POULOS FOR THE NEW YORK TIMES**

Serve up a slice of summer with strawberry-lemon cake

By **Millie Peartree** | The New York Times

This cake is summer in a loaf pan. When baked, strawberries can become sour and a little gummy. Here, berries are macerated with sugar first to remove some of their liquid and concentrate their flavor. The lemon icing adds a nice finish.

STRAWBERRY-LEMON LOAF CAKE

Time: 1 ½ hours
Makes: One 9-inch loaf
For the cake:
Nonstick cooking spray
1 cup diced strawberries
1 cup plus 1 tablespoon granulated sugar
1 ½ cups all-purpose flour
1 tablespoon lemon zest (from 1 lemon)
2 teaspoons baking powder
½ teaspoon kosher salt, such as Diamond Crystal
1 cup sour cream, at room temperature
½ cup vegetable oil
3 large eggs, at room temperature
1 tablespoon lemon juice
1 teaspoon pure vanilla extract
For the lemon glaze:
1 cup confectioners’ sugar
1 tablespoon lemon zest (from 1 lemon)
2 tablespoons lemon juice
1. Make the cake: Heat oven to 350 degrees. Spray a 9-by-5-inch loaf pan with nonstick cooking spray and set aside. In a small bowl,

toss the strawberries with 1 tablespoon sugar to macerate while you prepare the cake batter.
2. In a large bowl, combine the flour, lemon zest, baking powder, salt and remaining 1 cup sugar. Whisk to combine. In a second bowl, combine the sour cream, oil, eggs, lemon juice and vanilla extract. Whisk to combine.
3. Pour the wet ingredients into the dry, and stir to mix. Lift the macerated berries out of their liquid and add them to the batter. Gently fold in the berries until evenly incorporated.
4. Pour the batter into the prepared loaf pan. Bake until a skewer inserted into the middle comes out clean, 60 to 70 minutes. If it appears to be browning on top too much, tent with aluminum foil. Cool it in the pan on a rack for 10 minutes, then unmold the cake carefully and transfer to the rack to cool completely.
5. Make the glaze: In a small bowl, combine the confectioners’ sugar with the lemon zest and juice, and stir until smooth. Pour the glaze over the cooled cake. Let stand until set.

SERIOUSLY SIMPLE

Tzatziki is a creamy and cooling versatile sauce, dip

By **Diane Rossen Worthington**
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Admittedly, for years, I purchased store-bought yogurt dips and versions of tzatziki. That was before I decided to make my own version.

The first thing to know is that you need to use Greek yogurt. Greek yogurt is thicker than regular yogurt and is strained so it is tangier and more concentrated. It really makes a difference for this recipe, as does the olive oil. (I recommend extra-virgin olive oil, which has a slight peppery flavor.)

Persian cucumbers, small, dark green with a crunchy bite, don’t need to be peeled. I have seen recipes that recommend shredding the cucumber and then removing any excess water. I prefer the

small dice for its crisp texture. Finely chopped fresh dill and mint add an herbal touch to the smooth yogurt flavor.

I look for recipes that are versatile so they can be used in different ways. This Middle Eastern dish, claimed to be a Greek invention by historians, is at home on the kitchen table in myriad ways. I love serving it beside a freshly grilled salmon fillet. It’s also an excellent accompaniment to grilled chicken or Cornish hens.

This is my standard sauce for grilled or steamed artichokes. I also serve it along with hummus and eggplant dip to make a mezze trio. Don’t forget warm pita bread or lavash for dipping.

Some people enjoy this as a cold soup. Whichever way you decide to enjoy it, you’ll surely notice the fresh homemade flavor it delivers.



Be sure to use Greek yogurt for this recipe. **DREAMSTIME**

TZATZIKI

Makes: About 2 cups
¾ cup finely diced cucumber (about 1 Persian cucumber)
1 ½ cups thick whole milk Greek yogurt
1 tablespoon lemon juice
3 tablespoons fruity olive oil, divided
2 medium garlic cloves, grated
1 ½ tablespoons chopped dill, plus more for garnish
1 ½ tablespoons chopped mint
Salt and freshly ground black pepper
1. In a medium serving bowl, combine the cucumber, yogurt, lemon juice, 2 tablespoons of olive oil, the garlic, dill, mint and salt and pepper. Taste for seasoning. Chill until ready to use.
2. Just before serving, drizzle the remaining tablespoon of olive oil over the tzatziki and garnish with fresh dill. Serve with grilled fish or poultry, alongside colorful raw vegetables, cooked artichokes or as a dip.